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THE CANTON BANKNOTE CASE.

TWO FORMER OFFICIALS ACCUSED.

POLITICAL ISSUES RAISED IN LOCAL COURT.

BAIL OF \$100,000 FIXED.

An absorbingly interesting Police Court case, involving current political issues in China, came before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning, when, as a sequel to certain important arrests effected by the police authorities at the Metropole Hotel last week, two Chinese officials belonging to a recent regime at Canton were charged on remand with being in illegal possession of \$100,000 in Central Bank notes.

The first accused, Wong Chung-chu, was the Finance Commissioner and Chief of the Central Bank during the regime of General Chang Kai-shek's "Ironside."

The second man was, till the re-entry of General Li Chai-sum's Government, the General Manager of the same Bank. Both accused were represented by Mr. M. K. Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

DEFENCE'S STRONG CRITICISM.

The police who are proceeding with the case by virtue of a warrant of requisition from the present Government in Canton, were represented by the Director of Criminal Intelligence. For the first time since the arrests, Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared in the case to announce that he is being retained by the Canton Government to watch the proceedings.

After argument on the political issues involved in the case, the accused were remanded on joint bail in the sum of \$100,000. Waiting on Canton.

When the case was called, Mr. King applied for a further remand to await further necessary information from Canton. He mentioned the presence of Mr. Wadson, and said that he understood Messrs. Deacons had been retained by the Canton Government.

Mr. Wadson said that was so, but stated that so far, he knew nothing of the facts of the matter, and would leave the application for a remand to Mr. King entirely. He had been written to and he understood that he was to prosecute the accused.

His Worship:—Can you tell me the exact position of the requisition?

Mr. King:—We have official telegraphic information that a requisition has been made.

Replying to another query from the Bench, Mr. King added that, as far as he knew, the requisition was not actually in the hands of the local police. In any case, he had no evidence of it having arrived here, as he had not seen it.

Further Extraordinary.

Mr. Lo, in an application for bail for both accused, referred to certain delicate political issues brought into the case. He commenced his address by saying that he did not exactly know what position was being taken up by the police. He put it to the Court that, in the first place, the application of Mr. King was rather extraordinary. His Worship might have known that the accused were arrested on information sworn, not by the accusing party, but by a police officer, Detective Sergeant Rozesky, who could only claim to have received ex-parte information from that interested quarter. The position was thus reduced to this—that, without asking anyone to seek information as to the facts outside of the Colony, a Magistrate of this Colony had issued a warrant for the arrest of these men for being in possession of a hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. King pointed out that such information as has been received to warrant the taking of these proceedings had emanated from a direct representative of the Canton authorities who came down here with that express object.

Mr. Lo stated his view that the man who gave the information

BRITISHERS BEGIN WORLD FLIGHT.

PROBABLY CALLING AT HONGKONG.

"WORKING THEIR PASSAGE."

London, Jan. 9. Two ex-R. A. F. flying officers, Mr. J. S. Newall and Mr. Neville Vincent, left the Stag Lane Aerodrome, London, this morning on a world flight via France, Italy, Greece, Mesopotamia, India and Singapore, returning to England via China and Russia.

Party of Five.

In addition to the pilots, Newall and Vincent, the party which will be using two three-seater aeroplanes, includes a photographer, Mr. Childs; an engineer, Mr. King, and Mrs. Wise Parker, who will be a passenger as far as Cairo.

The airmen intend to use the planes between India and Singapore to pick up cargo and passengers for various ports.—*Reuter*.

U.S. TO PURCHASE MORE SHIPS?

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S OPPOSITION.

Washington, Jan. 9. The Senate Commerce Committee has approved the Bill introduced by Senator Jones, of Washington, to provide for the building up of the merchant marine and for maintaining it under Government supervision through the U.S. Shipping Board.

It is understood that Senator Jones has drawn up a scheme providing for the expenditure of \$200,000,000 for this purpose.

Contrary to these proposals, President Coolidge has repeatedly declared opposition to anything of such a nature, and it is known that the present administration desire to dispose of the merchant fleet now under its control at the earliest possible moment.—*Reuter's American Service*.

THE PREMIER OF IRAK RESIGNS.

NEW CABINET TO BE FORMED.

Baghdad, Jan. 9. The recent resignations on publication of the terms of the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty, of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of the Interior, has been followed by similar action on the part of the Premier, Jafar Pasha, who tendered his resignation to King Faisal to-day.

King Faisal has ordered the formation of a new Cabinet. It is believed that Jafar Pasha's resignation is due to difficulty in finding suitable substitutes for the resigned Ministers. The treaty to which exception was taken provides for the termination of the British mandate in 1932 when Iraq will join the League of Nations.—*Reuter*.

BELGIAN KING'S GESTURE.

PRESENTS PLAQUE TO NEW YORK CATHEDRAL.

New York, Jan. 9. Bishop Manning has announced that the King of the Belgians has given the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, a plaque representing the Descent from the Cross, which formerly adorned the private chapel of the King's father.—*Reuter*.

SENT TO SIBERIA.

PROMINENT RUSSIAN LEADERS EXILED.

Riga, Jan. 10. According to a report received from Moscow, Trotsky, Kamenev, Redak, Zinovieff, Rakovsky and other prominent ex-Communist leaders have been exiled to remote provinces, some even to Siberia.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI TERROR

TO-DAY'S EXCITING STREET BATTLE.

GALLANT RUSSIAN KILLED BY FLEEING OUTLAW.

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Another sensational street battle in the course of which a Russian who courageously tackled the fugitive was killed by revolver shots, has followed closely on the "Sidney Street" affair of last week. In broad daylight this morning, the Police surprised an armed bandit and a spectacular running battle commencing at the Garden Bridge, and ending in the Hongkew district created considerable excitement in Shanghai's streets.

M. Nikoloff, formerly a Russian Artillery officer, who has been recently employed by the British authorities with the Shanghai Defence Force, gallantly attempted to arrest the fleeing bandit who shot at him from close range, inflicting wounds which proved fatal.

Bandit Shot Dead.

The Police kept up the chase into the Hongkew district where the outlaw was shot down, dead. Hundreds of pedestrians witnessed the amazing affair, the fleeing bandit firing many shots at his pursuers until he was brought to bay and killed.

Mr. Nikoloff, it is learned, was a veteran of three wars.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

Russian Wounded last Week.

To-day's shooting affair is the second in the course of eight days in which a Russian has been shot in Shanghai.

A foreign woman named Miss Jill Wells, also known as Mrs. Hoffman, of 250 Route Andre Cohen, has been taken into custody by the French police following a shooting affair at her residence on Monday afternoon last week which resulted in a Russian named John G. Antipoff, aged 35, being taken to St. Marie's hospital suffering from two bullet wounds. Antipoff is reported to be in a serious condition. One bullet hit him in the abdomen and another passed through his throat. A revolver is alleged to have been used in the shooting.

The shooting it is stated, was the climax of a visit paid to Miss Wells' home by the Russian regarding a child, formerly belonging to the man, but alleged to have been legally adopted by Miss Wells. The child, a boy of about 18 months old, is said to have been adopted by Miss Wells about a year ago and Antipoff visited her house on Monday and tried to reclaim it.

An attempt was made to snatch the boy from the amah's arms, but a struggle occurred between Miss Wells and the man during which a revolver was produced. Antipoff was struck twice. The French police were called in and Antipoff was rushed to the hospital, while Miss Wells was taken into custody.

R.A.F. OFFICER KILLED.

MESOPOTAMIA AIR TRAGEDY.

London, Jan. 9. The Air Ministry announces that as the result of an accident at the Hinaidi Aerodrome, to a Bristol-fighter-machine attached to No. 6 Army Co-operation Squadron, Mosul, to-day, Pilot Officer Lionel Fisher, Royal Air Force, the pilot of the plane was killed, and Lieutenant Sidney Haserick, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, attached to the Iraq levies, was dangerously injured.—*British Wireless*.

U.S. TREASURY ISSUE.

NEW NOTES FOR LIBERTY BONDS.

New York, Jan. 9. The Treasury has announced that it will offer on Monday next, January 16th, new 3½ per cent. Treasury notes in exchange for 4½ per cent. Third Liberty Bonds, 1918. The amount of the notes to be issued will depend entirely on the amount of the bonds surrendered.—*Reuter's American Service*.

TROUBLES OF COTTON INDUSTRY.

MASTER SPINNERS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

MORE HOURS: LESS PAY.

London, Jan. 9. Following the joint meeting of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and the Manufacturers Association, two reports, which have been forwarded to the Operative Unions with a view to a joint conference to consider conclusions, have now been published.

The Federation recommends an immediate readjustment of financial position in the case of companies financially unable to compete. The Government should most strongly and continuously be represented to reduce the expenditure on social services by local authorities and similarly be exhorted to reduce municipal expenditure.

Longer Hours.

There should be an extension of hours to 52½ per week, a reduction in the standard piece price list by 25 per cent. and its equivalent on other rates, and the removal of trade union restrictions relating to cleaning and oiling "which materially reduce production."

Better Merchandising.

The recommendations continue that bleaching, dyeing, finishing, packing and other organisations, having fixed standard charges, should be asked to co-operate with the spinners and members with a view to securing a definite reduction in charges. The closest co-operation should be established between spinners, manufacturers and machinists with a view to bringing merchandising to the highest state of efficiency.

Wages Reduction.

The Federation adds that the decrease in production, to the reduction of hours to 48, has been largely responsible for the present position and it claims that the suggested wages cut represents only a 12½ per cent. cut on current earnings, the larger working week practically making up the difference.

Manufacturers Agree.

The recommendations of the Manufacturers' Association are almost identical but the Association considers that the wages reduction should be conditional on the operatives accepting increased hours. They urge the abolition of all political measures "handicapping the cotton trade" in view of foreign competition. It is further recommended that an enquiry be held into freights and carriage charges.—*Reuter*.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

MR. A. J. C. KERR APPOINTED TO SANTIAGO.

London, Jan. 9. H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Archibald John Clark Kerr, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Guatemala, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Santiago de Chile.—*British Wireless*.

U.S. MINE DISASTER.

EIGHT MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

New York, Jan. 10. A message from West Frankfort, Illinois, states that eight miners were killed and ten are missing as the result of an explosion at the Industrial Coal Company's mine.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FRANCO-CANADIAN RELATIONS.

AGREEMENT CREATING NEW LEGATIONS.

Paris, Jan. 10. An agreement has been signed between the French and Canadian Governments creating a Canadian Legation in France and a French Legation at Ottawa.—*Reuter*.

MODERATES SOON EXPECTED.

MESSRS. C. C. WU & SUN FO COMING SOUTH.

TO-DAY'S FRUITLESS VIGIL AT KOWLOON.

CANTON'S BIG NEW LOAN.

There are general expectations of the early return to Canton, to take up office in the reconstructed Government, of Mr. C. C. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo and General Wu Te-chen. They were expected to arrive in Hongkong this morning by the President Grant, and many Chinese gathered at the Kowloon wharf to give them a welcome, but it was found that none of the three leaders was aboard.

However, Mrs. Wu Te-chen and a number of lady relatives of General Wu and Mr. Sun Fo, as well as the latter's secretary, were aboard, and it is believed that the three leaders mentioned will sail from Shanghai for the South on Saturday next.

Chief interest in Canton at the moment is centred on efforts to rehabilitate the Central Bank notes, in which connexion merchants have met officials and agreed to issue a loan of ten million dollars to the Government, secured on certain revenues.

GOVERNMENT ASSURES MERCHANTS.

There appears to be every probability that in the near future Mr. C. C. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo and General Wu Te-chen will return to Canton for the purpose of taking office in the reconstructed Government under the leadership of General Li Chai-sum.

Indeed, a strong rumour was current in Hongkong yesterday that these three prominent members of the Nationalist Party were aboard the s.s. President Grant, which arrived here this morning. Consequently, there was a large gathering of well-known Chinese, including several Canton officials, at the Kowloon wharf when the liner came in at about 7.30 a.m.

When the President Grant came alongside, however, it was found that none of the three leaders mentioned were aboard, much to the disappointment of those who had assembled to give them a hearty welcome on their return South. However, the passengers included Mrs. Wu Te-chen and a number of lady relatives both of General Wu and Mr. Sun Fo. Mr. Chan Kim-yui, chief secretary of Mr. Sun Fo, was also with the party.

Coming Later.

It is understood that Mr. C. C. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo and General Wu Te-chen went aboard the President Grant just before she left Shanghai for the purpose of seeing the ladies off and this gave rise to the report that they were sailing South by that ship. They are, however, remaining at Shanghai for the time, in order to attend to various important matters, but it is stated that they may sail for Hongkong on or about the 14th instant.

It will be recalled that Mr. C. C. Wu recently resigned his office as Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Nanking Government and that he was appointed to visit the United States on an important mission, but refused the appointment. Mr. Sun Fo also resigned as Finance Minister about the same time, but was allotted the position of Minister of Construction, a new portfolio. As no such office existed, however, this was regarded by Chinese observers as being equivalent to dismissal.

General Wu Te-chen, the other member of the trio, was formerly Commissioner of Police at Canton, but left for the North some 18 months ago.

CANTON FINANCES.

Merchants Meet Officials.

More than a thousand merchants and about five hundred representatives of the various business associations at Canton, together with a good number of high officials of the Canton Government, attended a specially organised meeting held yesterday at the big hall of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Canton for the purpose of requesting the Government to endeavour to maintain the value of the Central Bank notes.

Shortly before noon, large numbers of merchants were seen pouring into the big hall, which was soon well-filled. Soldiers and police, divided into several corps, were on patrol outside the meeting hall to keep order.

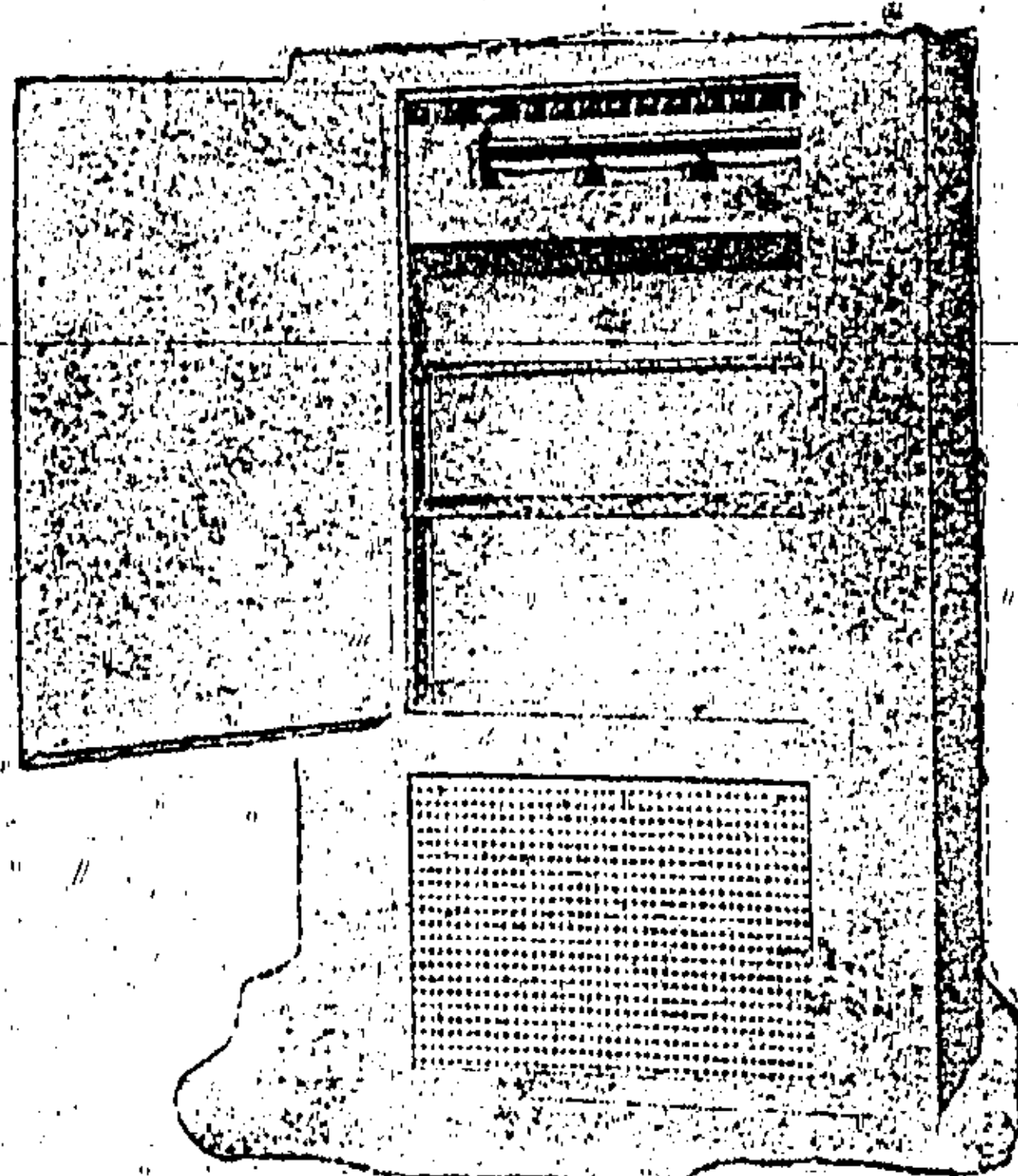
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FOOK LI SINKS IN HAITAN STRAIT.

Shanghai, Jan. 9.

The China Navigation Company's steamer Sinkiang arrived today with eleven Chinese survivors from the steamer Fook Li which foundered in Haitan Strait after leaving Foochow.

While passing through the Strait the Sinkiang sighted the wreckage. A close watch was kept with the result that eleven survivors were found on a raft. The Fook Li was almost totally submerged and though the rescued people stated that the Captain and others of the Fook Li had gone ashore in a boat, no trace could be found of them by a landing party from the Sinkiang. It is believed that a dozen lost their lives.—*Reuter.*

A Former Report.

A report was received from the Commissioner of Customs at Foochow yesterday, that the Chinese steamer Fok Lee has foundered, one cable off Tessara Island.

It was at first thought that the vessel named was the Fok Lee, owned by the Ching Kee S. N. Company, and registered at Chefoo, but enquiries at the offices of the local agents result in a denial of this, and the vessel in question is at present in North China.

The Fok Lee does not appear in the current Lloyd's List and is understood to be either a newly registered vessel, or alternatively, the cable has been mutilated in transmission and the name wrongly given.

REPARATIONS.

WARNING RECALLED.

Bordeaux, Jan. 9.

Noteworthy is the utterance of the Frenchman, M. Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Office, that no expert considered that the full execution by Germany of her reparation payments could ever be realised. We must sooner heed the warnings of the Agent-General for Reparations payments.—*Reuter.*

[The warning herein mentioned was cabled by *Reuter* on December 16 last as follows: "Reparations and other problems depending thereon will not be finally solved till Germany is given a definite task to perform on its own responsibility without the present safeguards," concludes Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations Payments, in reporting on the third Dawes annuity year.

He is optimistic about the present and future payments and points out that Germany had paid loyally, punctually and fully though the Budgets of the Reich and many of the States are unsoundly balanced. He concludes that it is encouraging to find the German Government already financially reformed somewhat.

The report shows that Britain has received 538,000,000 gold marks; France, 767,000,000; Italy, 107,000,000; and Belgium, 27,000,000.]

HOPE FOR THE AGED.

RESEARCH TO PROLONG HUMAN LIFE.

Chicago, Jan. 9.

Mr. Albert Lasker, ex-chairman of the United States Shipping Board, and his wife have donated a million dollars to the Chicago University for the establishment of a Lasker foundation for medical research into the cause and prevention of disease among middle aged and old aged persons with a view to ascertaining how to prolong human life.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

GRAPHIC DETAILS OF STREET CHASE.

Further graphic details of the affray between the police and armed robbers were described in Major C. Willson's court yesterday when Chan Hung, was arraigned before His Worship on a charge of the murder of two Chinese constables.

The whole of the afternoon was occupied by two witnesses who described the whole chase, from Morrison Street, which was within a few yards of where the first shot was fired, until Chiu Loong Street, when a desperado was brought down.

Plans of the route taken by the fugitive were produced by Mr. C. H. Douglas of the Public Works Department.

District Watchman Chan Chung, who was the first to take up the chase and who followed the gunman until his ammunition was exhausted, was the first witness called. He said: "On December 7, I was walking down Morrison Street at 2.15 a.m. when I heard pistol shots and police whistles coming from the direction of Wing Lok Street. I whipped out my revolver and rushed to the junction of Wing Lok and Morrison Streets, and there saw a European Sergeant lying on the ground. I also saw two Indians holding a struggling Chinese. I went to the assistance of the Indians, but one of them signalled to me with his hands, indicating that they did not need assistance.

Running Battle.

"I went back to Morrison Street where I noticed a man with a white coat and black trousers walking. I called out to the man and said 'What are you doing here?' The man took to his heels. I shouted to him to stop, but as the fugitive took no heed, I fired a shot at him with my revolver. There was nobody on the road at that time. The man ran into the Praya and I followed him, firing another shot. It was then that the fugitive returned fire. Once on Connaught Road the fugitive, who I would say was the defendant, ran eastward. We fired at each other until Man Wah Lane was reached, when the man I was chasing stopped to reload and I fired at him with my last round.

"When my last round was gone I blew my police whistle and saw another constable take up the chase."

At this point the story was continued by Chinese constable No. 62, Wong Hin who said: "At 2.30 a.m. on December 7 I was on duty in Connaught Road near Man Wah Lane when I noticed the defendant, running in my direction with a district watchman chasing after him and firing shots at him. I saw the defendant stop to reload his weapon at the entrance of Man Wah Lane. He had his back to me and I went up and clasped my arms round his waist. He immediately fired at me, the shot striking my buckle, piercing my tunic and grazing the skin of my abdomen. I released the defendant, who proceeded along Connaught Road Central, firing at me as he ran. I shot at him with my service revolver. I saw his face when I was holding him in Man Wah Lane.

First Victim.

Defendant proceeded in an easterly direction until Jubilee Street was reached. I was then two shops' space (twenty yards) behind. Before I turned up Jubilee Street, I heard a shot fired and, when I did reach Jubilee Street I saw the defendant running diagonally across the street and an Indian police sergeant howling with pain, having apparently been shot.

"On reaching Des Voeux Road, the defendant again turned in an easterly direction and ran past the Fire Brigade Station, turning down Victoria Street. I was still two shops' space behind him and he adopted the same tactics in this

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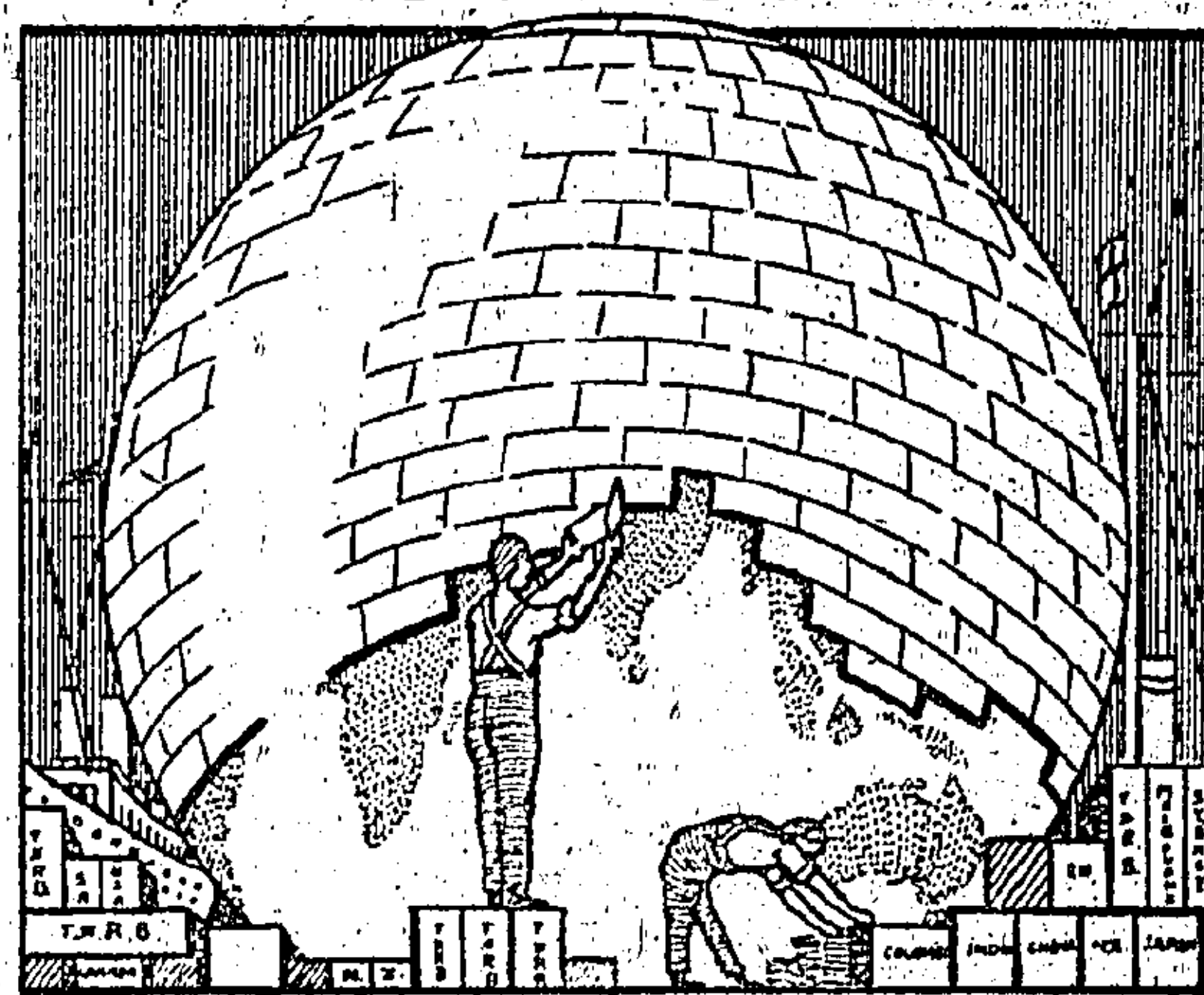
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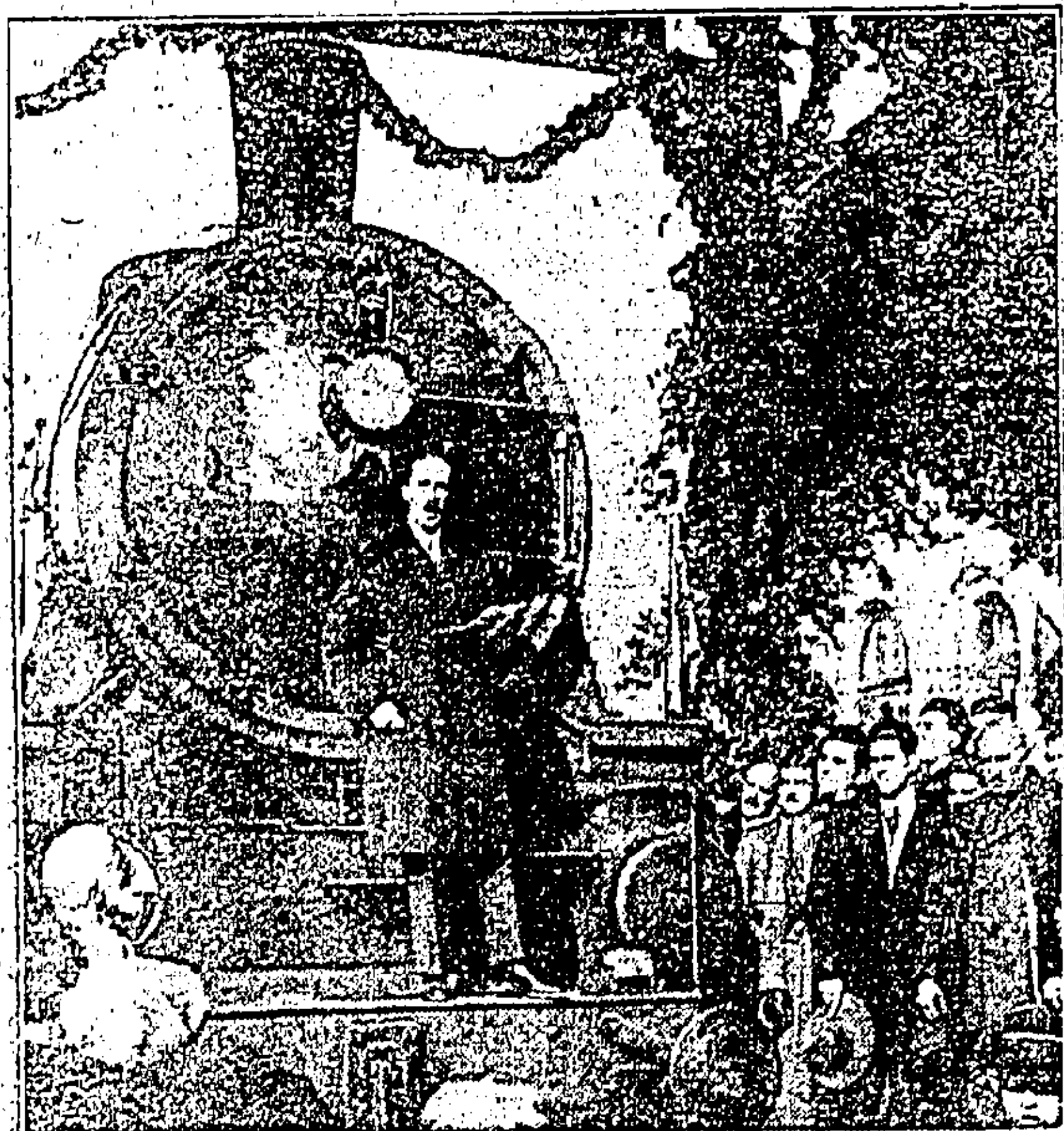




After the lying-in-state at Bucharest the body of M. Jonel Bratianu, the Prime Minister of Rumania, was laid in the family mausoleum at Florica. The scene at Florica as the coffin, on a country wagon, was drawn by six white oxen to the burial place. The funeral was attended by delegates from all parts of Rumania. (Times copyright).



This statue of Frederick the Great, of Prussia, was for numerous reasons, removed from in front of the Army War College at Washington during the war. But it has now been restored.



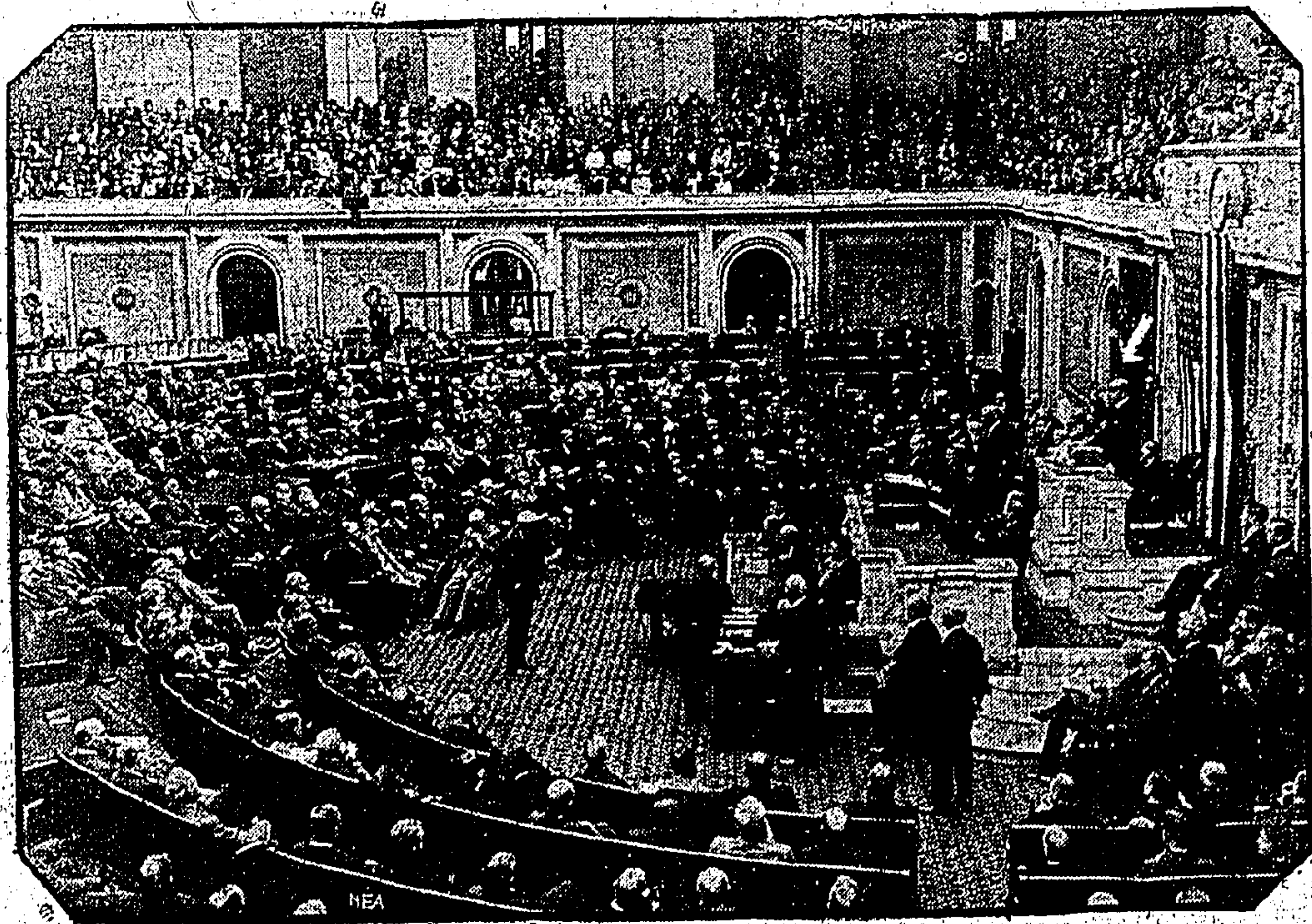
King Boris speaking from the engine of the train which he drove at the opening of the new railway between Levsy, in the district of Plovna, and Lovetch. (Times copyright).



Experts in New York think Champion Joe Dundee will have a tough time holding on to his welter crown if he ever meets Clyde Hull. Hull came into the fight limelight a few months ago by beating Pete Latzo in Texas. His victory over Johnny Indrisano, who beat Dundee in Boston recently, has given his stock a big boost.



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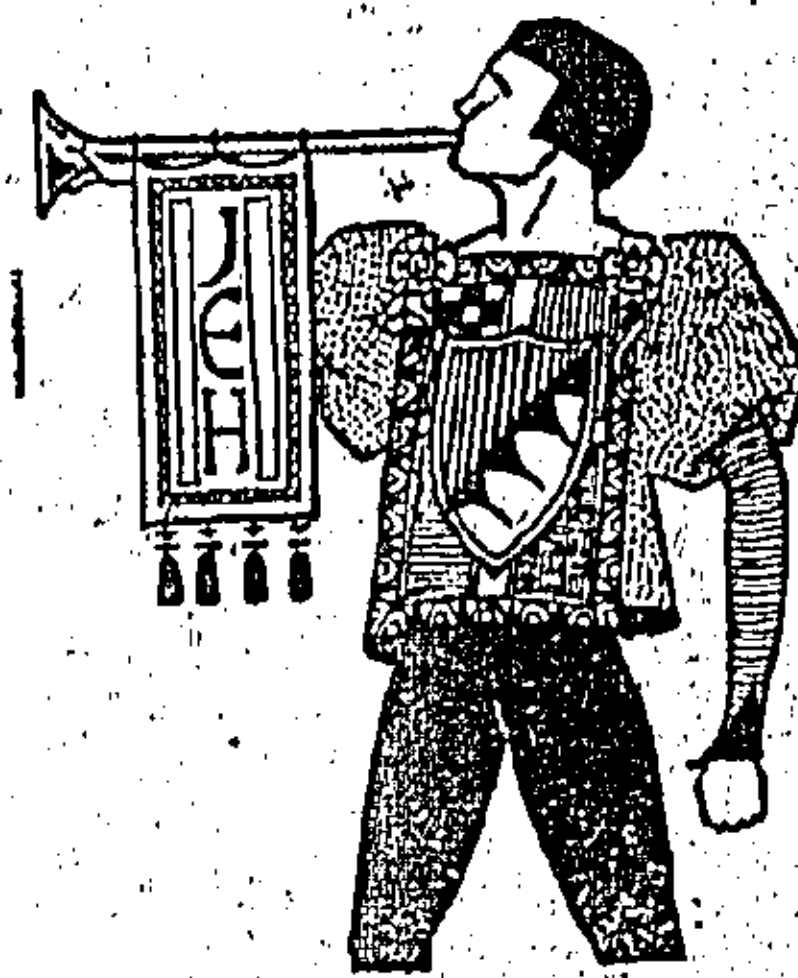
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CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT, HONGKONG.

(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Mr. D. J. Lewis' office, (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), Prince's Buildings, on Friday, 13th January, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- To receive the Report of the Committee and the Statement of Accounts for the past year.
- To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
- To consider the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated.

All persons of Welsh nationality whether members or not are invited to attend.

Dated the 5th January, 1928.

G. S. HUGH-JONES, Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Owners are reminded that Entries for the forthcoming Annual Race Meeting will close on Saturday, the 14th January, 1928, at 3 p.m.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Norwegian Consulate has removed its offices to the Bank of Canton Building, 5th floor.

SVERRE BERG, Consul.

NOTICE.

Having resigned my position as manager for Messrs. Thoresen & Co., Ltd., my interest in and connection with that firm ceases from today.

SVERRE BERG, Hongkong, 7th January, 1928.

NOTICE.

We have to-day established ourselves as steamship agents, brokers, merchants and manufacturers agents under the name of Berg & Co., Ltd., with offices in the Bank of Canton Building, Telephone No. C.2048.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Sverre Berg, having resigned the management of this Company, he is no longer connected with our firm.

Mr. Bjarne Stenlihl and Mr. Fritz Kristofersen have this day been authorised to sign jointly for the Company "Per Procuration."

THORESEN & CO., LTD., Hongkong, 9th January, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

THE INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.O., as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hongkong, and the Rev. Mok Shau-tung, incumbent of the Church of Our Saviour, Canton, as Archdeacon of Canton, will take place at Evensong on January 12, at 5.45 p.m.

A reception to welcome the Rev. A. and Mrs. Swann will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.30 the same afternoon.

The Church Body extend a cordial invitation to all interested in the work of the Cathedral to be present on this occasion.

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Major-General A. E. Wardrop, upon his appointment as General Officer Commanding, North China Command, had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace on Dec. 13. Major-General A. E. Wardrop has left London for China to take up his new command. On handing over to him Major-General J. Duncan will proceed home in January and take over the 1st Division at Aldershot during February.

AMERICAN IDEALS.

INTERESTING LOCAL LECTURE.

A most interesting address on "The Spirit of America" was given at the St. Peter's Young Men's Club last evening by Mr. J. D. Bush. There was a good attendance of members and friends, over whom Mr. Thomas Pam presided.

In the course of his address, Mr. Bush said:—I do not agree with the unreasonably caustic critics of the American civilisation, who say that it is doomed to destruction, because it is the citadel of materialism, "a land of crude practical worldliness, unimaginative, irreverent, without religion." Far too much has been written against the United States in recent years and not enough has been said in appreciation of the real spirit of the American people as a whole.

Will Remain American.

In order to apprehend and feel the real spirit of America, we need to bear in mind some of its characteristics in the structure of the continent and the nature of the settlement of the people. The nation is made up of a diversity of races but though many ingredients went into the making of this American pudding, the original old colonial stock has never disappeared, according to Lothrop Stoddard, the author of "Re-forming America." He says that, "America is still American, and is going to remain American. Does anyone doubt this?" asks Mr. Stoddard. Then look at the facts: Our white population is approximately 100,000,000. Nearly one half of that total (about 49,000,000) is of the old colonial stock. Most of the colonial stock is of English or Scottish blood, and the balance is of closely kindred North European blood, which has been completely assimilated.

Of this, Theodore Roosevelt is a good example. If ever there was a typical American, it was "T. R." Yet Roosevelt's ancestry was Dutch, French Huguenot, Scotch-Irish and German. His genealogy shows no English strain. But Roosevelt was American through and through. America is prosperous because it believes in the American pioneering spirit of breaking with the traditional theory of economics

and industry. As a race of pioneers, the Americans are in the habit of blazing new trails and are accustomed to the practice of not only tackling new economic or industrial problems in a new way, but also in almost every field of endeavour concerning the physical well-being of mankind.

The American industrial creed is that "if production can only be increased in an uninterrupted flow industry will create an expanding volume of income sufficient to increase both wages and profit indefinitely." This is an entire reversal of the old economic theory, in that there is an inherent conflict between profits and wages—that is, a penny more in wages means a penny less in profits.

The industrial philosophy has practically solved the ancient conflict between capital and labour. Let us be intellectually honest with ourselves. Other nations in Europe would have adopted this industrial philosophy of the Americans if they could.

Not Steeped in Materialism.

Furthermore, the American civilisation is not entirely steeped in materialism. It is materialism in idealism. The great captains of industry in the United States are not all hard materialists. These men have practical dreams and visions as well. They create, organise and carry forward an industrial project because they dream of helping to carry on and to accelerate the movement of a huge, seething progressive society like the 48 States of the Union.

The time will come, said the lecturer in conclusion, when the American people will pursue the things of the mind with as much intensity as they have done in working out their industrial philosophy.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 11th to 17th January 1928.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Date	Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Date	Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	11	11 37	4.3	Wed.	11	11 32	3.0
Wed.	12	12 22	4.3	Thurs.	12	12 16	3.8
Thurs.	13	13 09	6.2	Friday	13	13 02	1.0
Friday	14	13 59	6.6	Satur.	14	13 51	4.0
Satur.	15	14 48	6.0	Sund.	15	14 40	3.0
Sund.	16	15 38	6.16	Mon.	16	15 30	2.8
Mon.	17	16 28	6.45	Tues.	17	16 21	3.0

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In the event of consignees not taking delivery of the under-mentioned goods by the 23rd January, they will be sold by public auction to defray cost of storage, etc.

Ex Steamer	Marks	Packages	Date of Arrival
"Changte"	W. S. T. S	1 Bag	7.10.26
do.	S. C. L.	1 Case	do.
"Taiping"	D. P. Saigon	1 Case	9.11.26

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Ex Steamer	Marks	Packages	Date of Arrival
"Hector"	Bell Brand S.C.A.R.	8 Bags S/Ammonia	23.8.27
"Teucer"	Mr. Percival Cheal E.P. Mission Hospital TAIWAN, FORMOSA.	1 Parcel	19.4.26
"Hector"	1 picul BM	2 Kegs Soda	10.11.26
"Antenor"	R 9409 W & Co.	1 Keg Paint	3.8.27
"Kt. Companion"	ML 16	1 Box Tinplates	17.4.27
"Orestes"	D.S. & Co. 469	1 Coil Cobble	5.8.27
"Helenus"	G 138 C	1 Box Tinplates	21.8.27

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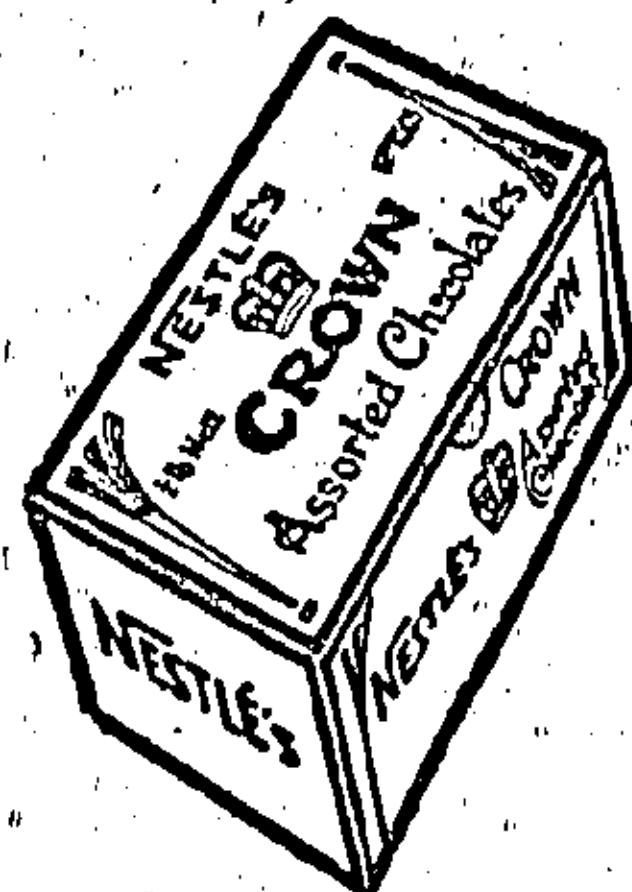
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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Hobbies for Women.

[By Lady Kitty Vincent.]

"I have no hobbies," I heard a woman say not long ago in a satisfied voice, rather as if she were proclaiming to the world that she had no vices.

The pity of it is that so many women of the middle classes have

Royal Heels.



Mother of pearl heels, in scarlet, blue and white, dotted with brilliants, add a scintillatingly charming note to new evening slippers.

no hobby, for the possession of one would prevent them frittering away their time.

"Hobbies are so expensive," said a friend to me. But there she was wrong. A hobby should either cost next to nothing, or else it should pay its own way and even make a little pocket-money for its owner. Incidentally, "owner" is the wrong term, for a really good hobby owns the person who started it.

It is no use setting out to look for a hobby as if you were going to buy a cow, because if you do the result will be disastrous. You may think that you are not interested in any particular subject, but I assure you that you are wrong. We all have a bias towards one thing or another, and if we sit down quietly and let fancy have her way we shall find ourselves not only paddling in the waves of enthusiasm, but swimming about in a vast sea.

Do not be deluded into thinking that because your best friend adores gardening it will be sure to amuse you. Quite possibly you would be bored to tears. The most unlikely and weird subjects may prove to be of the most absorbing interest to you, while to someone else they convey nothing at all. I know one woman who had a passion for machinery. In her spare time she read about nothing else. Finally she took a course of instruction, and now she is an authority on aeroplane engines.

Once a woman has started a hobby she will find that she becomes interested in everything which has any bearing on the subject, and she will have a variety of new interests.

The Mantlepiece.

MODERN TREATMENT.

For many years now, the treatment of the average mantlepiece has never varied. Whether drawing-room, bedroom, or kitchen, the correct, and only ornamentation consisted of a clock in the centre flanked by two vases or two photographs sitting primly at each corner. Even to-day there are many homes in which this orthodox group is found in every room, and where the very suggestion of variety would be a sacrilege.

Yet great effect can be obtained with an ordinary mantlepiece where a little tasteful originality has been used in its treatment. The essential modern feature is, of course, the avoiding of uniformity, and to this end pairs of ornaments, &c., are never used.

A very novel and charming idea is to place the clock at one end of the mantel instead of in the centre. Where the fireplace is not exactly in the middle of the wall, this has the effect of adjusting the balance of the room, and is often a much handier and cooler position for the timepiece. The rest of the shelf is amply decorated by one gay multi-coloured vase and a power mug, or perhaps an antique plate and a short brass candlestick.

Where a mirror or picture is hung directly over the mantlepiece, two pieces are only used to complete the decoration. These generally, a clock and a pitcher, are placed about a third-way from the outer edge, and with carefully chosen colours and lines, balance the whole scheme very well.

Large mantlepieces, however, call for something heavier in the way of treatment. Here a row of power mugs, perhaps ten in various sizes, looks very striking, or a single plate-rack filled with old china, strikes a happy note of colour.

After all, where one considers that the fireplace is really the centre of every room and the

Suede Fringe.



Livaraque blue suede, perforated and fringed for fancy ends, calls attention to a scarf of georgette in the same rich shade.

mantlepiece its most outstanding feature, it behoves every housewife to exercise all her good taste and artistic originality in its decoration.

Sleep for Beauty.

NATURE'S GREAT COSMETIC.

Sleep is beauty's greatest ally. Cosmetics, face-powder and manipulations are very ineffectual substitutes for "nature's sweet restorer"—sleep.

It is the custom nowadays for women to decry the habits of our

Cameo Fastening.



My lady's dress purse of beige silk has for its fastening an antique cameo of pink and blue flowers on black, matching her cameo set.

grandmothers. That they were handicapped in the matter of clothes must be admitted. But it is doubtful if we have the pull over them in any other direction. Their unaided complexions were far superior, and this because they knew the value of "early to bed and early to rise." The old saw, "two hours before midnight is worth four after," has much truth in it, and those who dance through the small hours, however much they may score in muscle, cannot expect to retain a clear complexion because they are robbing themselves of the relaxation which the body demands.

Necessary Rest.

During sleep the body recuperates. Every organ, even the heart, is more or less resting. Old poisons accumulated during the day are worked off. New strength is being built up for the conquests of to-morrow. How much we are losing by ignoring our sleep! Yet the length of time we sleep is not in proportion to the beauty we gain. One can sleep too much, or too little. The quality of the sleep is what really matters. Sleep that is of healthy depth, not too deep or too light, will be of more value to health than a "rugged" or fitful sleep of double its length. To achieve this desirable depth, considerable attention must be paid to diet and exercise.

Keep your window wide open. Sleep on a fairly firm bed with the pillow raised and try to think of nothing. A hop pillow is helpful. Try to relax every muscle. "Make the body sink like a dead weight on the bed and think calmly of your lover" is a Japanese motto which every woman desirous of beauty will do well to follow.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"LA BOHEME" TO-DAY AND
TO-MORROW.

The splendid screen version of the famous romance, "La Boheme" returns to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow with Lillian Gish as the tragic "Mimi" and John Gilbert playing "Rodolphe," her poet lover. Reproductions of the quaint old streets of the Latin Quarter were constructed with absolute fidelity for this new picture, and a particularly strong cast was assembled for the play. Renee Adoree plays "Musetta," a role famous through the "Musetta Waltz," and Roy D'Arcy, the "Crown Prince" of "The Merry Widow," is seen as "Paul," the suave boulevardier. Karl Dane, Edward Everett Horton, Gino Corrado, George Hassell and other well known artists appear. Dane recently leaped to fame as "Slim" in "The Big Parade," and his transition from a dough boy in the war picture to the kindly French concierge in "La Boheme" is distinctly interesting.

Among the other noted players is Agostino Borgato, who plays the French editor. Borgato was for twelve years leading man for Eleanora Duse, the great Italian tragedienne, on the stage. With such a cast "La Boheme" ranks among the biggest pictures and it only requires the special music played by the Queen's Orchestra to make it a wholly delightful production.

THE "GLOBE
TROTTERS."

"HAPPY MOMENTS" TO-NIGHT.

To-night at 9.15, Mr. Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" will begin their season at the Star Theatre with their cabaret programme, "Happy Moments."

The "Globe Trotters" are talented vocalists, musicians and dancers. Dick Norton is a host in himself and from recent reports from India, Burma and Malaya should be better than ever in his character roles, and songs. Leo Brooker, besides being a comedian is a splendid dancer. Miss Lella Forbes is a clever comedienne and singer while Miss Daphne de Lisle is a leading dancer of the Company. Other members of the Company are the Misses Constance Garrett and Marlon Hallwood, the former has an exceptionally fine soprano voice while the latter has been an accompanist and entertainer to Dame Clara Butt.

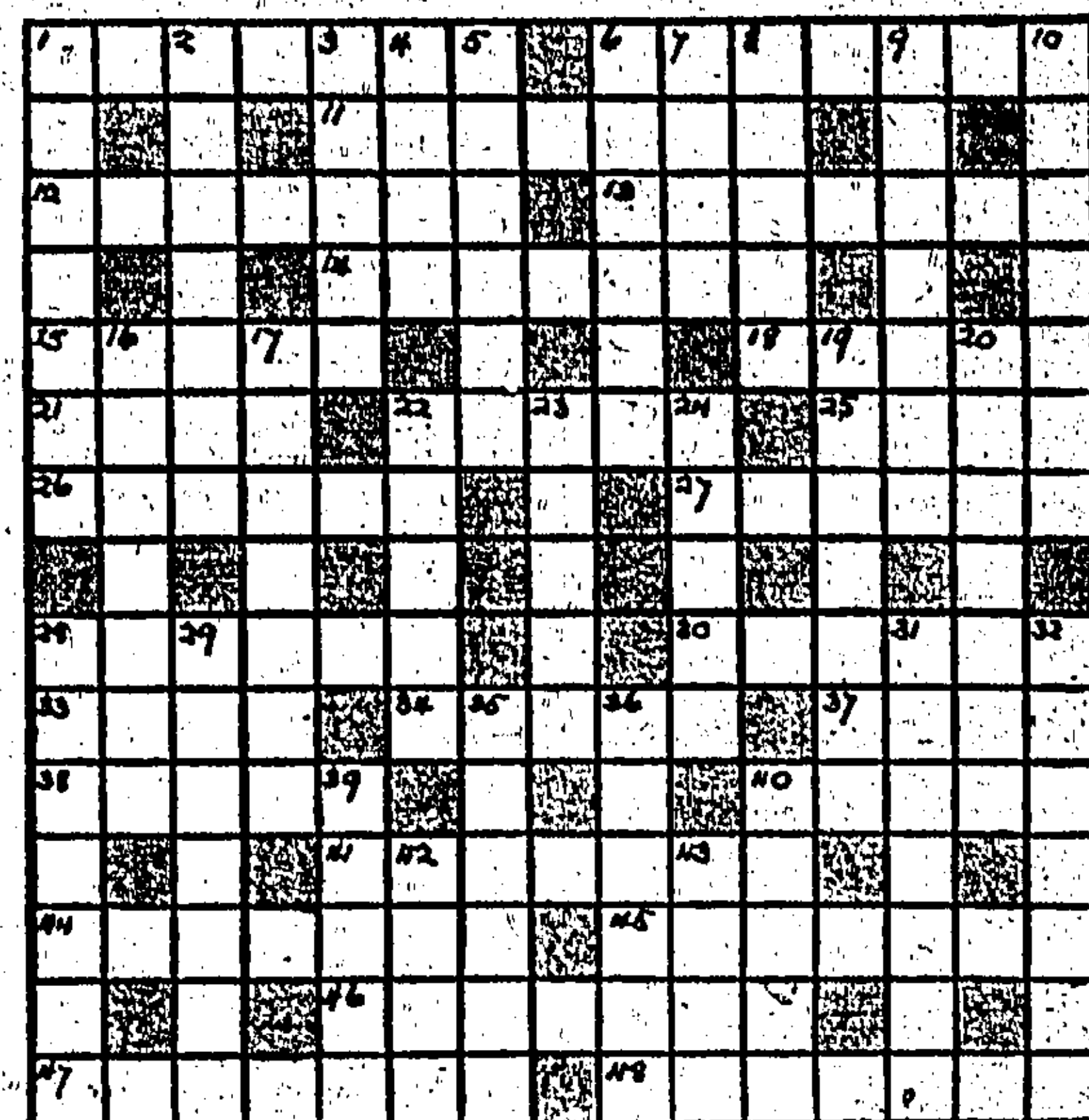
"Happy Moments" will be followed by "Scenes and Screens," "Pleasure Land" and "Incidents." Booking is now open at Messrs. Moutrie's and the Star Theatre at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

"THE RAINMAKER."

UNUSUAL STORY AT STAR
THEATRE.

"The Rainmaker" will be the chief film in the movie programme at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The atmosphere of the race track in which the early part of the action takes place is real, typical and vividly picturesque. Later in the picture, a dance hall scene of other days is reproduced. The realism here is heightened by a fierce hand-to-hand fight in which several hundred men take part. The plot reaches a climax when a whole town is stricken with plague through lack of water. The jockey known as "The Rainmaker" prays for rain and his prayer is answered by a spectacular cloudburst. William Collier, Jr., Georgia Hale and Ernest Torrence are in the principal roles. The picture will be shown from 2.30 to 8.30 only, the Globe Trotters giving their entertaining revue, "Happy Moments," at 9.15.

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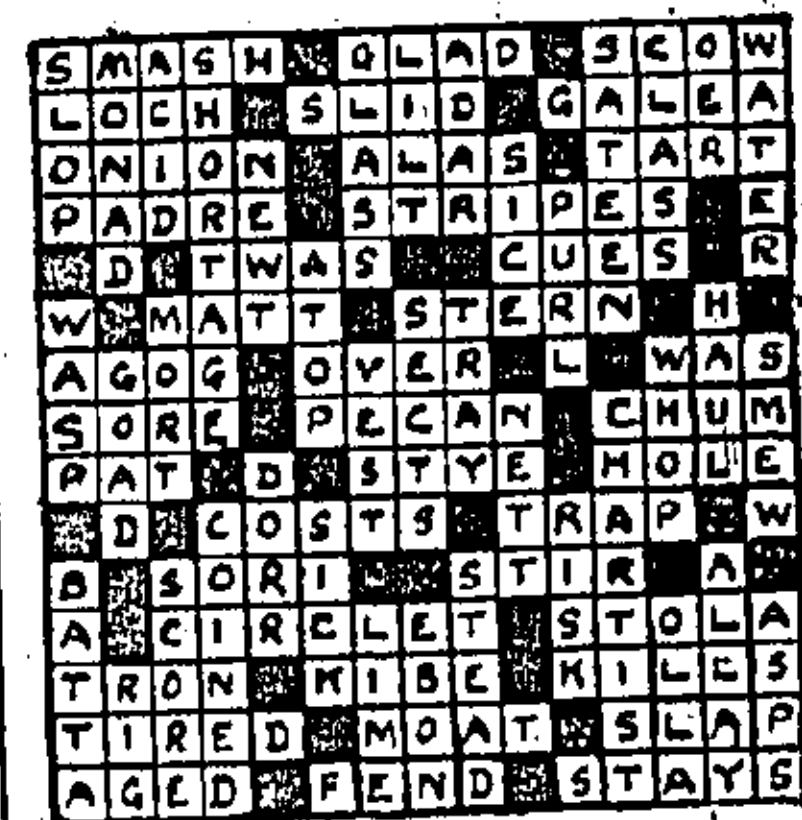


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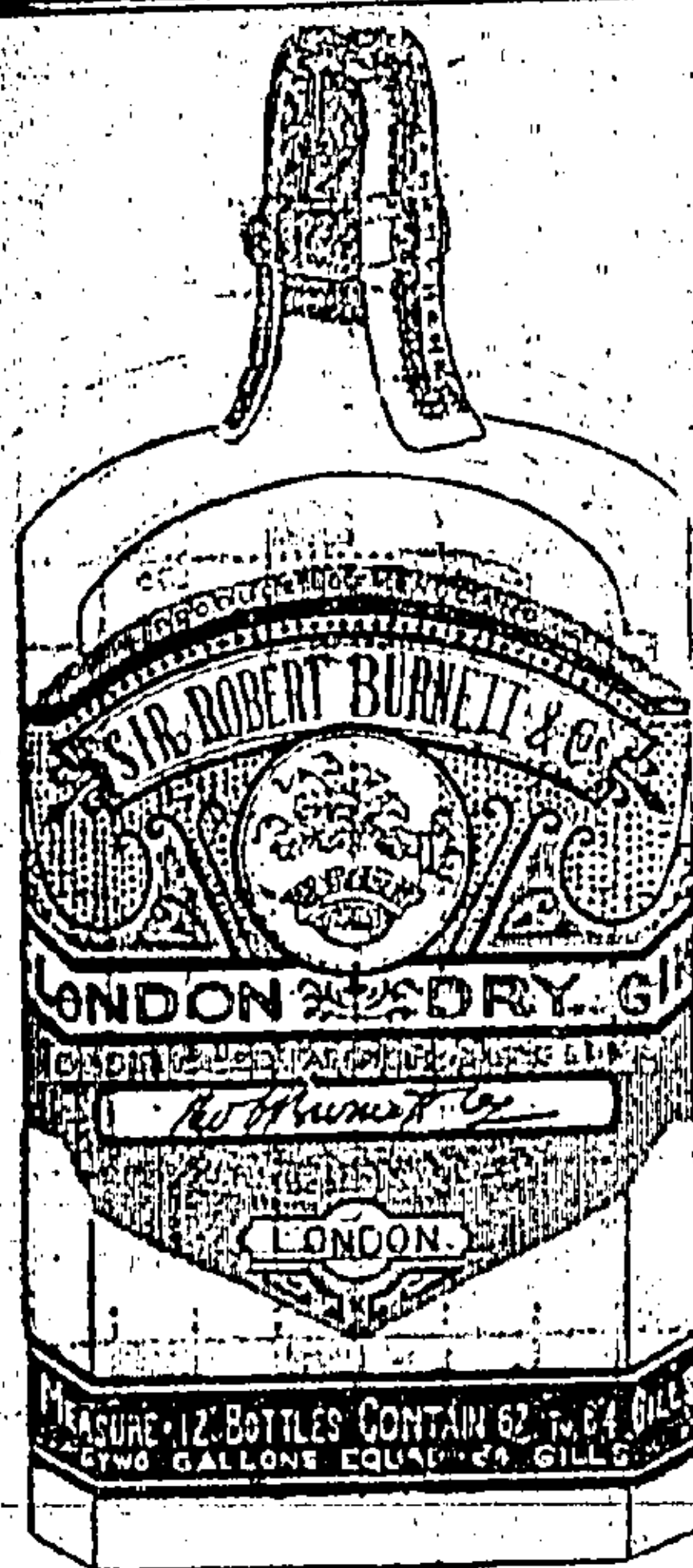
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1928.

HONGKONG AND CANTON.

There will be widespread satisfaction in Hongkong at the report, received by us from a well-informed Canton correspondent yesterday, that there is a much brighter atmosphere in that city in consequence of the inception of the regime established by General Li Chai-sum. Canton has passed through such a devastating crisis during the past few weeks that it must have been a fairly easy task to have brought about an improvement, but the newly-engendered feeling is something more than an expression of thankfulness at the passing of turmoil and bloodshed—it is, apparently, a soundly-founded hope that under the moderate rule of General Li the city may regain some of its shattered prosperity. The task of driving away hostile forces, such as the "Ironsides" proved to be, has been thoroughly undertaken by General Li and, according to latest advices, the province is all but cleared of rival troops. At any rate, there is little likelihood of the peace of the neighbourhood of Canton being disturbed from without for some time to come, even though the predicted clash between Canton and the present Nanking party eventuates. It only needs a moderate and well-balanced administration from within to give Canton an opportunity of displaying its wonderful recuperative powers, and it would seem that, in the reaction following the extremist reign of terror, Canton is fortunate to-day in possessing a ruler of the type desired. Much will depend on the manner in which he and the officials under him proceed in their work of reorganisation, but if there is an avoidance of undue financial pressure on merchants and a just handling of the Labour problem, then General Li Chai-sum might well be privileged to exercise a prolonged and beneficent rule. It is to be hoped that secret plottings and internal intrigue—the source of all the break-ups in Chinese politics—will be thwarted and rendered ineffective.

Not the least gratifying part of the latest messages from Canton has been the reference to the desire for friendliness with Hong-

kong, in which regard particular point has been made of the benefits which Canton has gained through co-operation between the British and Chinese sections of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. This has been a concrete instance of the value of friendliness, and it is, apparently, being slowly borne home to the Chinese that Hongkong does really desire to co-operate with Canton and that there are great mutual benefits to be gained from such a proceeding. General Li Chai-sum is endeavouring to direct and control Labour activities within their rightful sphere and if he is successful in preventing Labour extremists from fanning anew among the labouring masses senseless hostility to Hongkong and things British he will accomplish a great piece of real statesmanship. It cannot be too often urged, that the prosperity of Hongkong and Canton must go hand in hand and that neither one of the ports can attempt to injure the other without seriously injuring itself. Hongkong is the natural deep-sea entrepot, and clearing house for Canton and the liaison between the two should be of the closest possible character. We can confidently predict that all classes in Hongkong will heartily respond to whatever gestures of cordiality are made from the other side and will not be behindhand in proffering real assistance so soon as there are reasonable guarantees of *bona fides* in Canton. We imagine that workers, tradesmen and merchants all desire a spell of quiet reconstruction effort, and we fully share the optimism to which the re-inauguration of General Li Chai-sum's regime has given rise. The Chinese year just dying could not end better than in giving birth to new hopes and a better understanding between the two great cities of Canton and Hongkong.

British Caution.

The assurance of the Prime Minister that the British Government does not contemplate the withdrawal of the Shanghai Defence Force while there remains a possibility that British lives and property may be imperilled, indicates, we hope, that the Foreign Office maintains an essentially practical outlook on the China situation, and incidentally, that the departure for home of the Green Howards completes the reduction programme. During the past week or two there has been a bewildering succession of alliances and cleavages, with the Yangtze situation developing along lines which threaten an outbreak of hostilities in the Spring directed by the Rightists against Nanking and Shanghai. Shanghai has further cause for apprehension in the presence of agents of Sun Chuan-fang, the late controller of the district, who, still unhappy at the loss of this wealthy trading centre, appears to be testing the feeling of the populace, preparatory to an attempt at a coup in the likely event of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek finding circumstances too strong for him. Future British policy must therefore of necessity be directed towards the continued retention of a force in Shanghai sufficiently strong to discourage any armed body from venturing upon an invasion of the International Settlement should Shanghai once again become involved as a war region, as it very well may in the near future. It seems that Mr. Stanley Baldwin and his Ministers are keeping this well before their minds, and while this is the case, we can subscribe unreservedly to the avowed policy of concluding a new treaty with China when the country is in a position to make a bargain. Unfortunately, friction and counter-friction between parties and individuals are more pronounced at the moment than for some time past, and the hope of a unified China is receiving a further setback. For the next few months, practical politics must hold sway against magnanimity.

We have received a copy of the *Rangoon Times* Christmas Number, recently published. It is an extremely well-produced issue, much of it being in colour, and a feature of much interest is a pictorial record of the chief events of the year. Articles, humorous and otherwise, go to make up an excellent production; the printing and general make-up of which is a credit to the publishers.

DAY BY DAY.

AFTER ALL A STABLE GOVERNMENT
ONLY REQUIRES HORSE SENSE.

The B.I. s.s. Takliwa is to leave Amoy on Thursday and is due here on the following day.

The P. and O. s.s. Nellore, which left Singapore yesterday at 8 a.m., is due here at 6 a.m. on the 15th.

Dangerous goods manifested yesterday included cartridges and chemicals by Katori Maru from Europe.

We have received from Messrs. Jensen and Company, agents of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie, a useful block date calendar.

The s.s. Anjou is moving out to Shamshui to-day for overhaul and survey. She will be off the West River run for about 10 days.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, arriving this morning from Shanghai, carried 195 troops homeward bound, members of the Shanghai Defence Force.

The "Globe Trotters" Company, headed by Dick Norton, opening to-night at the Star Theatre, arrived yesterday by the s.s. Namsang, having endured a stormy trip from the south.

We have received a most attractive Chinese wall calendar from Messrs. Dowdell and Co., agents for the Caledonian Insurance Company and the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.

Mr. O. G. Steen, General Manager for the Orient of the Dollar and American Mail Lines, arrived this morning from Shanghai on s.s. President Grant. He will be staying here for several days, proceeding hence to Manila later.

Vessels arriving from the south, during the past 24 hours, report high winds and heavy seas, one ship stating that a "great north wind" was encountered. Vessels from Manila and the north make fair reports.

Among passengers departing for Manila by s.s. President Grant this morning, with having in his possession four dynamite bombs, one stick dynamite, fourteen detonators and one piece of fuse, without a permit.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Inspector Aris (A.C.I., Kowloon) informed his Worship that the defendant, in a statement to the police, said that he required the articles for self-protection.

When asked how he intended to use the dynamite for self-protection, the defendant replied that he was afraid of his boat being attacked by large fish in the open sea. With the dynamite he was able to scare such fish away.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and 10 departures, of which five under each heading were British, leaving 77 vessels in harbour, British 25. Tonnage was fair, with generally low inward freights, Norwegian making the heaviest returns. Through freights were better, with British making good returns and the second best registry of the day.

The local agents of the Dollar Line announce that the s.s. President Monroe, after being ashore in the Shimoseki Straits, has been refloated without damage and will be one day late on schedule. Instead of arriving here on Saturday, January 14, and sailing for Manila on January 15, she will now arrive on Sunday, January 15, and sail for the Philippines on Monday, January 16.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 9.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.94
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	20.40
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.52
Helsingfors	19.33
Lisbon	27/10
Bucharest	790
Buenos Aires	47/13/16
Bombay	1/6 1/10
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
New York	48 5/16
Genoa	25.29
Shanghai	32.10
Stockholm	18.11
Oslo	19.33
Prague	16.47
Madrid	18.20
Athens	80 3/4
Rio	5.29/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/4
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 5/16

—British Wireless.

"SCENE" IN POLICE COURT.

TWO WOMEN BOUND OVER.

A noisy scene occurred in Court this morning when Sybil Joseph was charged before Major C. Wilson, with disorderly conduct by fighting in Pedder Street on Friday night, the other defendant on this joint charge being a fashionably-dressed Chinese girl, Wong Chiu-wan, aged 22.

Sybil Joseph protested against her arrest and subsequent charge by the police, and worked herself to such a pitch that her voice was heard all over the precincts of the Magistracy. When the Magistrate decided to bind both defendants over, Joseph broke into a fresh torrent of abuse and carried her quarrel with the other woman out of the Court.

For half-an-hour afterwards the row continued, until, in the hope of getting a solicitor Joseph made another appearance in Court, but was ordered out.

Declaring that she would rather go to prison, she refused to sign the personal surety of \$50, and was accordingly committed to prison for one week.

Later, during the hearing of the traffic summonses at noon, Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro appeared before Major Willson and said that he wanted a few minutes' privacy with his Worship in regard to a lady whom you bound over this morning. Mr. D'Almada said that he understood his Worship required a surety of \$50. He wanted to inform his Worship of certain matters which, as between solicitor and client, he would not like to mention in open Court.

His Worship then invited Mr. D'Almada to the bench and had a short conference with him.

It is learned that the necessary bond has since been signed.

AFRAID OF BIG FISH.

"MUST BE WHALES!"

A curious excuse was advanced by the master of a fishing junk, who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having in his possession four dynamite bombs, one stick dynamite, fourteen detonators and one piece of fuse, without a permit.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Inspector Aris (A.C.I., Kowloon) informed his Worship that the defendant, in a statement to the police, said that he required the articles for self-protection.

When asked how he intended to use the dynamite for self-protection, the defendant replied that he was afraid of his boat being attacked by large fish in the open sea. With the dynamite he was able to scare such fish away.

His Worship:—He evidently means whales.

On the Magistrate's remark being interpreted, the defendant replied that there were other large fish besides whales.

In imposing a fine of \$75, his Worship remarked that this was the first time he had heard such a plea.

INDIAN BARRISTER ENROLLED.

FIRST IN THE COLONY'S HISTORY.

For the first time in the history of the Colony, an Indian barrister was this morning admitted to practice here. He is Mr. Kahan Singh Chowdhury, of China Building, and was formerly practising in Sandakan, British North Borneo.

Application for his enrollment was made to the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, by the Attorney General, Sir Joseph Kemp, who said that Mr. Chowdhury was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of King's Inn, Dublin on November 1, 1924.

In admitting Mr. Chowdhury to the practice his Lordship wished him every success.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., who were also in Court in connexion with a case, shook hands with Mr. Chowdhury and expressed their good wishes.

OBITUARY.

REAR-ADMIRAL RICHARDS.

Rear-Admiral George Edward Richards died on Dec. 8, within two days of attaining 75 years. Entering the Navy as a cadet in 1866, he later joined the surveying branch, and from 1873, when he was appointed to the Sylvia, in China, he held various appointments and commands in surveying ships.

Major-General Sir P. M. Carnegie. Major-General Sir Philip Mainwaring Carnegie, K.C.B., who has died aged 70, took part in the Boxer campaign in China in 1900 with the Indian contingent.

The Very Idea!

Two young ladies were dearly devoted to the family cat that had been their pet for many years. It died, and their grief was intense. They expressed a desire to have their favourite buried in the back garden, but their father, who was less sentimental, raised strong objections and suggested instead that they should convey the remains to a secluded spot in the suburbs, and there inter them.

The body was wrapped up in a neat brown paper parcel and was conveyed by bus to the place selected. Unfortunately the girls found many picnic parties about, and saw at once the impossibility of finding privacy for their sad task.

They returned home and besought their mother to use her influence to get the father to give his consent to having the interment in the garden. Somehow it struck her that the parcel seemed somewhat different.

One may imagine their surprise and chagrin when, on opening it, they found it contained a large roast of beef! Moral: make sure of your own luggage when you travel.

A builder of Thouars named Bonneau played a sorry jest at the expense of unsuspecting friends. He obtained some death announcements cards, filled in yesterday in the date space, ordered a coffin, and took a party to a cafe. Laughingly, he announced that he intended committing suicide to avoid suffering from a malady. His friends enjoyed cake and champagne, and the apparent joke, but half an hour later they found Bonneau hanged.

Husband at Willissen: It tore my soul to know that my wife preferred her mother to me.

Elderly woman, fined six shillings at Marylebone, for being drunk: Beg pardon? Mr. Bingley, magistrate: Six shillings, ma'am; a shilling extra for the ride.

Judge Snagge, at Bow County Court: Is your husband here? Woman: Certainly not. He has me to keep.

Marylebone man of his landlady:—She uses certain abusive epithets to me, Magistrate, smiling: Very well, good morning I will bear in mind what you say.

Willissen woman tenant: I have to get out unless I eject my sub-tenants, because my landlord, who lives on the premises, is being turned out by his landlord for overcrowding.

Mr. and Mrs. Newlywed looked the part exactly. But they didn't want anyone to know they were a newly-married couple, and tried to appear as if they had been married for years instead of only hours.

When they were leaving the railway carriage, however, the bridegroom lifted his coat from the rack, and a quantity of rice fell from it.

The other occupants of the carriage tittered, but, assuming an unconcerned appearance, the young man turned to his bride and remarked:—

"By Jove, May, I've brought away the bridegroom's coat by mistake!"

Here is a good joke on Americans, or on one American, at any rate. Two New Yorkers visiting London were gazing with outspoken criticism on the plain, unpretentious exterior of the Prime Minister's official residence in Downing Street. "What a home for a Prime Minister," one of them exclaimed.

"Yes," said the other, who had caught sight of a small two-seater standing at the curb, "and look at that car, will you? Why, in 11' of New York a second-hand store clerk would be ashamed to own a flivver like that."

At this moment a well-dressed man emerged from the official residence, entered the car, and drove off.

"Say, who was that guy?" the last speaker asked a passing policeman.

"Mr. A. B. Oughton, the American Ambassador, sir," answered the bobby politely.

A fisherman who is believed to have been drowned by the fish he was "playing" formed the subject of an inquest which has been held at Long Island.

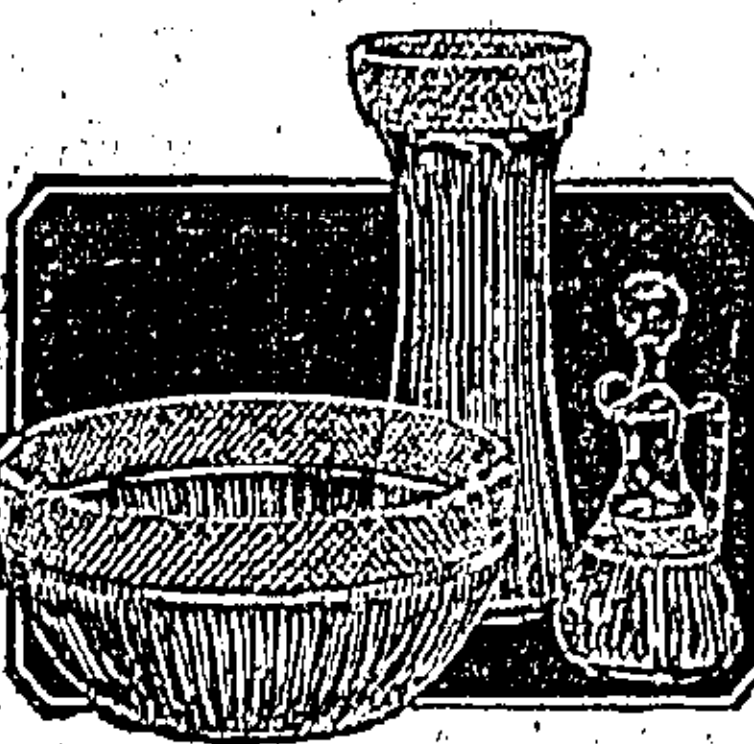
A man, John Mellowice, who was on holiday from New York, hired a boat and went out alone into Long Island Sound to fish.

A fishing line was wound round one of his wrists, and when it was drawn in it revealed a large flounder weighing more than 15 lbs. which was found dead on the hook.

It is believed that Mellowice was leaning over the side trying to land the fish when he slipped, and the fish, darting away, pulled his head under the water.

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NEW ALLIANCES.

YANG SEN'S POSITION SHAKY.

PLOT AGAINST CHIANG.

Hankow, Jan. 9. Chiang Kai-shek's return to active politics is resulting in further developments among the various military factions. A rumour is current here that he is attempting an alliance with the 8th, 35th and 36th Armies in Hunan. These are commanded by General Ho Chen, but it seems likely that control of them will be vested with Tang Seng-chi, who is said to have returned to Hunan.

The 19th Army, which went up the river from Hankow, has been defeated by part of the Hunan armies.

Military factions on the lower river are said to dislike the idea of Chiang Kai-shek as Generalissimo, owing to his family association with Mr. T. V. Soong. Leaders fear that they may be ousted from their present lucrative posts by this alliance of military and financial power.

It is reported that the troops under Yang Sen-wu have been withdrawn to the north out of Hupoh.

Yang Sen's position is apparently none too safe, as Liu Hsiang, Military Governor of Szechuan, and the Commander of the 21st Army have been instructed by the Nanking party to arrest him. —Naval Wireless.

ATTEMPT ON CHIANG.

Infernal Machines Found.

Chief among the events of the Communist demonstration in Chinese sections on Tuesday, assiduously withheld from the foreign press but of great interest to the Shanghai public, were two attempted derailments of trains upon which Chiang Kai-shek proposed travelling. Fortunately the first was discovered through misadventure of a Chinese farmer, who curiously attempted to investigate what the arrangement meant, and the general was warned of the dangers he might encounter whilst en route to Nanking. Adequate precautions were taken and further designs upon his life were averted.

The original bomb had been placed in a coffin along side the track of the Shanghai-Hangchow Line near Sungkiang, in such a way that the movement of the locomotive would brush against a bamboo pole connected with the coffin and bomb. The innocent farmer saw the device, and manipulated the bamboo pole. He is dead as a result. The explosion failed to damage the track.

A further search of the Shanghai-Nanking Line revealed two additional bombs. To prevent other possible demonstrations, Chiang Kai-shek's train, he being accompanied by a large body-guard, was preceded by two armoured trains.

The Chinese papers state that 250 Nationalist soldiers on the same evening in Nantao disarmed 50 recruits, who are believed to be agents of Gen. Sun Chuan-fang.

KUOMINTANG FAULTS.

Chiang Kai-shek's Speech.

Peking, Jan. 9. Speaking at a dinner given in honour of his arrival, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek pointed out that the Kuomintang members had two cardinal faults: their lack of self-confidence and their over-conciliatory attitude. He hoped that his fellow-members would strive to correct themselves of these faults. He then explained his aim of coming into the capital which was twofold. First he came for the purpose of convening the 4th Plenary Session so that the Kuomintang may set out on the work of reconstruction, and complete the Northern Punitive Expedition; secondly, he came to bring about co-operation among the military comrades so that adequate assistance can be given to Generals Feng and Yen in their effort to capture Peking.

ON THE YANGTZE.

Boycott at Wuhu.

A boycott of British goods is being enforced here. —Naval Wireless.

Foreign Property Evacuated.

Nanking, Jan. 9. All foreign property in Nanking has now been evacuated. —Naval Wireless.

DEFENCE COMMISSIONER.

Probable Shanghai Appointment. Shanghai, Jan. 9. It is believed that General Chang Chun, of the 4th Independent Division of the Nationalist Army, will take the post of Defence Commissioner.

General Mo Foh-hsiang and Chi Pei-tah have left here for Nanking. —Naval Wireless.

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GREEN HOWARDS IN HONGKONG.

BOUND FOR HOME FROM SHANGHAI.

RECENT TROOPSHIP FIRE.

The transport Dorsetshire arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon and berthed at Holt's Wharf. She had on board the 1st Battalion of the Green Howards and also 200 gunners who left Shanghai for home last Friday.

The Dorsetshire will leave Hongkong sometime tomorrow, the troops embarking here numbering about 430. This number includes the 4th Light Brigade and units from other regiments.

Fire in Shanghai.

Whilst the Dorsetshire was in Shanghai on Thursday last, a fire occurred on board in the empty water tanks usually used in cooling the engines. Through gallant work by officers and crew of the vessel, five Chinese coolies, who had entered to make some repairs, were brought out after they were overcome by smoke and fumes.

Just what happened has not been stated definitely as it is understood that the victims were too badly overcome to be able to make an accurate report. The coolies had gone inside to put the tanks in condition for the long trip home. As those acquainted with ship construction fully are aware, entry to the tanks is difficult, owing to their peculiar construction, because steel supports running laterally above the keel, only permit admittance through small holes cut through them. The lateral supports connect the ribs of the ship.

The men had entered the chamber, and, apparently were at work, when their distress was noticed by foreigners at work in the engine room. Officers tried to get in and bring them out, but the smoke was such that they had to withdraw. Someone sent a rush call for smoke masks, and men quickly donning them were able to crawl through the interstices, and slowly drag the men, who had been overcome, back to fresh air. Without the masks, no one would have been able to enter, and it is almost certain that the Chinese would have been smoked to death, as well as sustaining flesh wounds.

Fortunately they were all got out, however, and despite the burns they received, it is not expected that any will die.

Employees at the Old Ningpo Wharf, where the Dorsetshire is moored, telephoned to the Fire Brigade, who upon receiving the call at 9.30 a.m., responded at once. The fire had been extinguished before they arrived, and the coolies were on the deck of the engine room.

First Aid.

First aid measures were administered. Several doctors, attached to the British forces applied salves, piecic acid, and bandages to alleviate their pain. To carry the coolies to the deck and then to the wharf was no small task, as the companion ways leading from the engine room to the deck are almost vertical.

Once on the wharf the first victim was rushed to hospital in Capt. Dyson's car the next three went in the Brigade rescue van, followed by the last in a Municipal ambulance.

Burnt sacks and cloth carried inside by the coolies, upon investigation by the authorities, were seen to have been alight. Other than these, there are no traces of damage.

OUTLAWING WAR.

AMERICAN OPINION HARDENING.

Washington, Jan. 9. As indicated in a message on January 7, official opinion is hardening against M. Briand's suggestion to outlaw only aggressive wars. Scarcely less importance is attached to M. Briand's desire for immediate ratification of the treaty as between France and the United States in view of American abhorrence of "entangling alliances."

Authoritative circles forecast that the United States will insist on a categorical pronouncement against all war and any treaty to be multilateral from the beginning, but it is still possible that Mr. Kellogg and M. Briand will deal with the preamble of the arbitration treaty, wherein a definite though not so far-reaching pronouncement against war can appropriately be placed. —Reuters American Service.

TO-DAY.

Dolar on demand 2/- 11/16.
Lighting-up 5.56 p.m.

SHANGHAI REDS.

SEVERAL ARRESTS EFFECTED.

TROOPS IN FIGHT.

Tense expectancy reigned in the Chinese districts of Shanghai on Thursday last as a result of the reports of a projected Communist uprising which led to the adoption of precautionary measures by the authorities both inside and outside the Settlement on Tuesday night.

No important developments occurred, but the Chinese authorities did not relax the martial law measures taken the previous night. Raids were made on several places in Chapei by the Chapel police, aided by the military, and a number of Chinese were arrested on suspicion of being Communists. Nine suspected Communists were taken in one raid during the morning.

Martial law was declared in every district outside the Settlement on Tuesday night, and nobody was allowed out on the street, without permission, between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., except in one or two districts where shopping interests are concentrated.

The situation is very obscure and it is difficult to obtain any evidence of the reported plot on which the Chinese authorities acted on Tuesday night. Nevertheless, tenseness exists and is accentuated by the virtual non-existence of the Nationalist Government at present, and disruption among the Chinese authorities in the city.

Strange Shooting Affair.

A strange shooting affair aggravated the public excitement in Nantao on Tuesday night. Several different reports have reached official quarters in the Settlement. Shooting was heard in the vicinity of the Shanghai-Hangchow railway station in Nantao about 8 p.m. on Tuesday. The commander of the 6th Regiment hurried troops to the scene where eight or ten plain clothes men were shooting up the district.

The troops went into action and about 70 shots were exchanged, resulting, according to one report, in the death of four of the plain clothes men, and the wounding of several soldiers. Four of the marksmen were arrested and are being interrogated, but the result of the examination has not been announced.

Northern Agents.

The shooting occurred in the vicinity of the San Wei Kwan—the Poken Guild—and one report states the men were trying to loot the place. Another report indicates that they are possibly Northern military agents attempting to start an embarrassing situation for the Nationalists by exploiting the Communist apprehension felt in Shanghai.

Evidence of the Communist plot which included the distribution of handbills and the exhibition of posters was furnished, in some degree, by posters struck up on the wall at the corner of Jukong and North Szechuen Road on Tuesday stating "Long live the Soviet Government." A Chinese has been arrested on a charge of sticking up the posters.

Municipal police at West Hongkong station arrested four men on Tuesday for being in possession of arms and ammunition. One man had two Mausers and 305 rounds of ammunition in his possession, another man had two Mausers the third had one pistol, and the fourth another pistol.

Hankow Unions Dissolved.

Hankow, Jan. 4. General Hu Chung-tou, Garrison Commander of the Wu-han cities issued a proclamation on January 2 to the effect that with a view to stopping Communist activities and to maintain peace and order, all labour unions, agricultural and commercial associations, and student unions should be immediately dissolved pending further instructions from the Government. —Kuo Wen.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Nanning, Sunning, Towa Maru, Keiko Maru, Kweiyang, Tilpanas, Hakka Maru, Namsang, Linan, Szechuen, Kailo Maru, Kwai-sung, Frog, Jefferson, Orestes, Haining, Hosang, Taiyo Maru, Kitano Maru and Hector.

On a charge of larceny of 457 pounds of coal from a junk lying alongside the s.s. Milkesan Maru, a boatman was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. The defendant, who pleaded guilty, was stated to have used an unlicensed and unnumbered junk.

EUROPEAN DRIVER FINED.

PASSING WITHOUT SIGNAL AT "30 M.P.H."

INSPECTOR DRIVEN OFF ROAD.

Mr. J. Limage denied the offence when this morning charged before Major C. Willson with driving motor car No. 2351 on New Year's Day in a dangerous manner.

In the witness box, Inspector Alexander of the Traffic Department said that at noon on January 1, he was on motor cycle patrol on Pokfulam Road, travelling in the direction of Pokfulam. When near the pumping station he saw private motor car No. 390 travelling towards him on the left centre of the road. Private motor car No. 2351 overtook and passed car No. 390 on the extreme right hand side of the road, and witness had to drive off the roadway to the entrance of the pumping station to avoid an accident.

After the defendant's car had passed, the Inspector spoke to the driver of car 390 and then turned in the hope of catching up with 2351, but was unable to do so. Continuing the Inspector said, "I had been a few car a few yards further up, coming from the direction opposite to the defendant from the spot where he passed, there would have been a smash. The passing took place on the first bend after the pumping station."

The speed of the defendant's car, according to the Inspector's estimate must have been at least thirty miles per hour.

Defendant, in his defence, stated he was driving on the Pokfulam Road as stated by Inspector Alexander. When he was near the Ho Tung Engineering School, he saw a very slight bend in front and he could see the road as far as the School of Physiology of the University.

Speeded Up.

At that time the car ahead of him was doing about fifteen miles per hour and seeing a clear road in front, he thought he would take the opportunity to pass.

Otherwise, he would have had to follow the slow moving car until Government House was reached. He therefore speeded up, and passed the car in front.

At the School of Physiology he saw a motor cycle ridden by somebody in a police uniform. "The motor cycle went on the pavement, a step which I felt was useless," added Mr. Limage, explaining he had completely passed car No. 390 and was on the way to the left side of the road.

A Chinese, the driver of car No. 390 (not 390 as stated by Inspector Alexander) gave evidence of being passed by a large Fiat car and added that he had not signalled the car behind to pass. The Fiat "few past."

Mr. Carl Anulphy a passenger in Mr. Limage's car at the time of the alleged speeding gave evidence in support of Mr. Limage's statement.

His Worship felt that the prosecution had proved the case but before imposing a fine he allowed Mr. Limage to make a statement. Mr. Limage said that the prosecution had proved the fact that he had passed a moving car with out being signalled to do so. That was a practice in Hongkong, but he was sure in no other part of the world was such a practice followed, unless there was a bend in front. When the driver of a rear vehicle could see the road clear in front of him, he was entitled to pass.

His Worship said that the practice of waiting until the car in front signalled was universal in Hongkong. He imposed a fine of \$20.

NEW RIVER BOAT.

FOR HONGKONG-MACAO RUN.

It is announced that a new river vessel, to be employed on the Hongkong-Macao run, is now under construction at Cheungshawan by the Kwong Pook Cheong Shipyard.

The new vessel is to be twin-screwed and will be fitted with all modern improvements, including wireless apparatus. She will carry approximately 1,200 passengers in all classes and will be ready for service in about five months' time.

The owners are the Chuen On Company, already operating other steamers on the river. The provisional name of this vessel is San Chun Chau.

The engagement is announced between William Francis Anning, only son of Mr. William Anning, of Brockham Green, Surrey, and Betty, elder daughter of the late Mr. E. T. Bond, formerly of Canton, and of Mrs. Bond, of Thornfield, Reigate.

THAMES DISASTER.

RIVER VOLUME WAS DOUBLED.

COLOSSAL DAMAGE.

London, Jan. 9.

It is estimated that at least two thousand houses and their contents have been more or less seriously damaged by the Thames flood. The cost of repairing them and the embankments and roadways will run into hundreds of thousands sterling.

Lord Desborough, presiding today at a meeting of the Thames Conservancy Board, stated that the disaster was not due to floodwater, but to a high tide, amounting almost to a bore, rushing in from the North Sea. —Reuters.

Swelling of the Thames.

London, Jan. 9.

Another high tide in the Thames was anxiously awaited by riverside inhabitants this afternoon and the special barricades were keenly watched by officials and workmen. The tide however caused no further flooding.

Water trickled through the barricades at Lambeth, but these were quickly strengthened, and no further overflow is expected if the rain and wind hold off. The river should subside normally after tomorrow.

Lord Desborough, Chairman of the Thames Conservancy Board, reviewed the flood situation at a meeting of the Conservancy to-day. He attributed Friday's disastrous floods in which fourteen lives were lost, to an inrush of water from the North Sea "amounting almost to a tidal bore." He said that the wet period preceding Christmas Day resulted in the flow of the river rising from its maximum capacity of 4,500,000,000 gallons to 9,000,000,000 gallons. That was a very serious amount of water.

Worse Tragedy Saved.

Then came the heavy snowfall of Christmas. If the snow had thawed quickly these 9,000,000,000 gallons would have been increased to such an extent that there would have been a record flood.

Fortunately the snow did not thaw until those millions of gallons had fallen to 4,500,000,000. In his opinion, the volume of water in the river had very little to do with the disaster.

Dealing with the question of measures to be taken to prevent a repetition of such an occurrence Lord Desborough thought that the remedy was to build a barrage across the estuary of the Thames from Tilbury to Gravesend with locks in it.

Extensive Relief Measures.

It is stated that the Government may set up a Commission of Inquiry into the causes of the disaster if the various river and municipal authorities concerned desire such investigation.

Extensive measures are being taken for the relief of those who have had to leave their homes and those who have lost their belongings. Mayors of various boroughs of London are co-operating with the Lord Mayor in administering one central fund to which donations are coming in freely. Those rendered destitute have already been supplied with immediate necessities in the form of food and clothing by church societies and soup kitchens. —British Wireless.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. For what industries are the following towns noted: Kidderminster, Northampton, Drottwich, Reading, Sunderland?
2. Name the only large British possession which has not been Dominion status.
3. Who said, and on what occasion, "How pretty a child is mine, this child of but one year old?"
4. Which Elizabethan poet published a great account of the conditions and government of Ireland?
5. In what year were old-age pensions put on the Statute-book?
6. What is the effect on the atmosphere of (a) a cloudy day, (b) a cloudy night?
7. What was the real name of Ellis Bell?
8. Give the original meaning of the expression, "red letter day."
9. How did William the Conqueror die?
10. What planet of our system is nearest the sun?
11. By whom and to whom were "Sonnets from the Portuguese" written?
12. What is the Fohn?

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

SENSATIONAL CRICKET
IN SOUTH AFRICAM. C. C. DISMISSED FOR 49,
BUT WIN.

WYATT'S BRILLIANT HITTING.

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 9.
Sensation followed sensation in the match between the M.C.C. tourist team and the Eastern Provinces. The visitors won by ten wickets in brilliant style, after being dismissed in their first innings for 49 runs, the lowest score of the tour.

The scores were:

East Provinces: 136 and 98.
M.C.C.: 49 and 187 (for 0 wkt.)

Staples bowled splendidly for the M.C.C., taking seven wickets for 38 runs in the home side's first innings. In reply the M.C.C. collapsed, being all out for under fifty. Ochs with 5 for 32 being most successful with the ball.

Faced with the task of scoring 185 runs to win, England's chances appeared unfavourable in view of the previous low scoring. Sutcliffe and the Warwick amateur, R. E. S. Wyatt, however, knocked off the necessary runs without being separated. Wyatt gave a dashing display scoring 101 (not out) while Sutcliffe's contribution was 79 (not out).—*Reuter*.

AMERICAN GOLF.

GENE SARAZEN WINS
ANOTHER TITLE.

Miami, Jan. 9.
Having only last week won the Miami Beach Open Golf Championship, Gene Sarazen, with an aggregate of 289, won the Miami Open title yesterday.

"Jack" Hutchison put up a great fight in trying to wrest the victory, scoring 290, while Joe Kirwood and Willie Klein tied for third place with 292.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Los Angeles Open Championship.

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.
The Los Angeles open golf championship over 72 holes was won by MacDonald Smith, of Greatneck, New York in 284, winning \$3,500. Other scores were Harry Cooper of California 287, Abe Espinosa of Chicago 290, while Bill Melhorn of New York, Tommy Armour of Rockville and Al Watrous of Grand Rapids all tied for fourth place with 292.—*Reuter's American Service*.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP
RACE.

The fifth ladies' championship race was held yesterday over a course (1) Lyman Beacon (P), (2) Cast Rock Buoy (P), a distance of 5.6 miles.

The results follow:

Yacht	Fin.	Cor.	Posi.
Diana	4:31.55	4:30.59	1
Colleen	4:44.11	4:39.31	2
Rolla	4:44.01	4:34.01	3
Dorothea	4:42.05	4:26.29	4

I. Y. and C. Classes.

Ailsa	4:40.32	4:40.32	1
Halcyon	5:01.07	5:01.07	2
Thecla	4:54.36	4:47.36	3
Wings	4:57.00	4:55.08	4
Bluenose	4:51.47	4:49.55	5
Boojum	4:54.04	4:52.12	6
Adele	4:50.28	4:48.36	7

The positions of the yachts in the handicap class are subject to adjustment.

LOCAL CHESS.

COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

An announcement in our advertisement columns draws attention to the Open Chess Championship of the Colony, which, as in the past two years, will be conducted by the Kowloon Chess Club. The entries close on Saturday 14 and play will most probably start during the first week of February.

The tournament, which is for a challenge cup presented by the South China Morning Post, will be played on almost the same conditions as in previous years. Competitors will probably be allowed to choose their own venues, but in the event of a dispute arising matches will be played at the Kowloon Chess Club. The holder for 1926 and 1927 is Mr. C. M. Sequeira.

All entries should be addressed to J. S. Smith, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Kowloon.

LATE SPORT ITEMS.

AMATEUR SKATING CHAM-
PIONSHIP.

London, Dec. 31.
The amateur ice skating championship took place at Lingay Fen during the week. The event attracted 27 competitors, Horn of Upwell beating the holder, F. W. Dix, a former holder of the world championship.

International Hockey.

London, Dec. 31.
In a hockey match in Paris the Stade Francaise and Oxford Occasionals drew two all.
Paris University met Middlesex Hospital and won by the odd goal in five.

Invitation to Lord Harris.

London, Dec. 31.
The Australian Board of Control has invited Lord Harris to accompany the English Test team when it visits Australia this year, but Lord Harris has replied that he regrets he is unable to find the time to make the trip.

Greyhound Racing.

London, Dec. 31.
With the idea of combating the forces that are opposed to the sport a Greyhound Racing Protection Society is being formed.

Public Schools Rackets.

London, Dec. 31.
In the semi-finals of the Public Schools Rackets Handicap Eton beat Clifton and Winchester beat Cheltenham.

Betting Club Reconstituted.

London, Dec. 31.
The Beaufort Club, which it was announced a few weeks ago, would have to go out of existence, has been reconstituted under new management.

Glamorgan Cricket Finances.

London, Dec. 31.
Glamorgan's financial anxieties in connexion with their participation in the English County Cricket Championship are happily solved, as the £2,500 required to enable them to carry on has been raised.

FANLING GOLF.

QUALIFYING ROUND OF
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

There must have been a record entry in the junior championship, the qualifying round of which was played off on Sunday. No less than 68 players took part. The following are the scores.

H. G. Hegarty	89
S. T. Butlin	89
D. G. Bruce	89
C. L. Sandes	90
A. K. Henderson	92
B. D. Evans	92
D. J. Gilmore	92
D. Barber	93
E. Grimbly	93
A. D. Humphreys	93
Major Lynch	93
J. H. Little	94
F. Cowherd	94
T. C. Monaghan	94

The above fourteen players qualify. The following four play off for the last two places.

N. K. Littlejohn	95
H. Spicer	95
A. Leach	95
H. Lammert	95

Other scores were:

J. Smith	96
A. O. Brown	96
E. C. Frederick	97
M. H. Roffey	98
T. Low	98
F. Taylor	98
G. Davidson	98
J. W. Albaster	99
K. E. Ewing	99
C. B. Robertson	99

"The Captain's Cup."
In the Captain's Cup competition played at Fanling over the week-end, A. K. Henderson qualified with a score of 92-16-70. Other scores were:

E. D. Matthews	89-8-77
K. S. Robertson	87-9-78
A. E. Lissman	89-8-78
D. G. Bruce	89-10-79
T. D. E. Fender	82-3-70
G. C. Stark	84-4-80
H. A. Lammert	95-16-80
D. J. Gilmore	92-12-80

There were thirty-two entries.

THE SIM SHIELD.

THE ARMY HOCKEY TEAM.

The line up for the Army, in the match to be played to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. against the Hongkong Hockey Club, follows: In goal: Captain Kenny (K.O.S.B.). Full backs: Sergeant Hooper (Queen's), and Sergeant Dods (Queen's). Half backs: Lieut. Kenley and Captain Webb (Punjabis), and Major Greig (R.E.). Forwards: Lieutenant Dickson (Queen's), Captain Howard (R.A.), Lieutenant Burton (Queen's), Capt. Dobbie (K.O.S.B.), and Sergeant Handscomb (Queen's).

NEW ALLIANCES.

(Continued from Page 7.)

FOREIGN TREATIES.

Diplomatic Body's Fears.

Peking, Jan. 4.
As it is likely that the Peking Government will declare the abrogation of the treaties with Italy and Portugal which expire this year, as in the case of the treaties with Belgium and Spain which were abrogated by the Peking Government last year, various foreign Powers attach great importance to what steps the Peking Government will take on expiration of their



Macdonald Smith, shown above, won the Los Angeles Open Championship on Sunday with a score of 284.

treaties with China in the future. Members of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking are considering the advisability of taking joint measures of self-protection in case of abrogation by China of their treaties.

In view of the fact that the International Court at the Hague has given a judgment in favour of Belgium regarding the controversy between Belgium and China over the treaty question, the Peking Government is now negotiating with the Belgian Minister here for conclusion of a new treaty.

It is believed that Spain will likewise file a petition with the International Court, demanding nullification of the Peking Government's declaration to abrogate the Sino-Spain Treaty.—*Toho*.

WAR OPERATIONS.

Attack on Kuominchun Renewed.

Peking, Jan. 9.
Chang Chung-chang has wired from Tsinanfu stating that in view of his having received money and munitions from the Peking Government for the troops, the latter have now a high morale and he therefore has again decided to re-attack the Kuominchun. He has sent three armies to Kuyeh and Kinshiang from where he has launched an attack. Fighting has been going on in the vicinity of Shanhsien since the 6th inst.—*Reuter*.



Above is Gene Sarazen, famous American golfer, who won the Miami Open title yesterday, following his success last week in the Miami Beach Championship.

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KING OF AFGHANIS-
TAN'S TOUR.SPECTACULAR CAVALRY
DISPLAY.

"FINEST I HAVE EVER SEEN."

Rome, Jan. 9.

After the cordial reception accorded him by the King and Queen of Italy and the populace of Rome, King Amanullah of Afghanistan today attended the military races at the Parioli Course, personally congratulating the winners and shaking hands with them.

Subsequently he visited the famous military riding school at Tordiquinto where he witnessed a spectacular, almost acrobatic, exhibition by cavalry officers, who descended almost perpendicular hills with their horses sliding down, some of whom afterwards jumped from a second floor balcony to the ground.

King Amanullah was most delighted by the exhibition and told King Victor, "It is one of the finest shows I have ever seen." The royal guest also enquired about the origin of the organisation school and was much interested to hear that officers from all over the world come to Rome to be trained there.—*Reuter*.

OUR FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 14th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29-September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.Matches to be played on Janu-
ary 14th:—

F.A. CUP.	
THIRD ROUND.	
Hull City	v Leicester.
Blackpool	v Oldham.
Arsenal	v West Brom. A.
Charlton	v Bury.
Bristol C.	v Tottenham.
Millwall	v Derby C.
Blackburn	v Newcastle.
Swindon	v Clapton O.
Burnley	v Aston Villa.
Wolves	v Chelsea.
Manch. City	v Leeds Un.
Cardiff	v Southampton.

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

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Blackpool	v Oldham.
Arsenal	v West Brom. A.
Charlton	v Bury.
Bristol C.	v Tottenham.
Millwall	v Derby C.
Blackburn	v Newcastle.
Swindon	v Clapton O.
Burnley	v Aston Villa.
Wolves	v Chelsea.
Manch. City	v Leeds Un.
Cardiff	v Southampton.

HOUSE BUILDING
DISPUTE.OWNER QUESTIONED ABOUT
EXTRA WORK.

When the case concerning a house building dispute at Yau-mati, between the contractor and the landlord, was continued in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, the defendant finished his examination in chief and was cross-examined for the defence.

The parties concerned are the Sang Loong contractors (plaintiffs), 14, Man Lam Street, Yau-mati, and Lui Siu-ching, 10, Wing Lok Street (defendant), the claim being for \$24,187.40. Of this sum \$7,000 is claimed to be due under the contract of building and \$19,187.40 for extra work. There is a counter-claim for \$8,770.11 for defective work and omissions.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, is for the plaintiffs and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. O. Brooks, is defending.

Replying to Mr. Potter, the defendant said he had spent the sum of \$1,745.11 in putting the defective work right.

In cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin, defendant said in certain instances his books did not agree with those of the plaintiff. He would not go any further than to say that. He believed that they were innocent errors. His case was that, with the exception of the external Shanghai plastering at a cost of \$3,000 and the *pai laus*, there was no extra work at all in connexion with the building of the houses.

He had been building houses of his own on Government land which he had bought for between three and five years, and he had been in the building business for six or seven years. When building his own houses, he engaged his own labour, bought his own materials, engaged a foreman and an accountant. He himself occasionally examined the books and the work.

Those houses had been of a semi-European style and were not fitted with a flush system of sanitation.

Plans for Tender.

With regard to the houses in dispute, he engaged Mr. Raven to draw up the plans of the houses before the contract was signed. Defendant agreed that there was no mention in the plans of wells, pump houses or tanks. The plans were prepared to be tendered for.

Mr. Jenkin referred defendant to a contract written out by the plaintiff. At the beginning it stated that the work was to be done in accordance with Mr. Raven's plans. Another sentence stated that in case of any alteration from the plans and additional work, such were not to be included in the contract price, which was fixed at \$325,000.

Mr. Jenkin put it to the defendant that the plaintiffs did not and could not have tendered by their contract for the wells, pump houses and the erection of tanks.

Inclusive Tender.

Defendant replied he had told the plaintiff that those things must be included in the tender.

In reply to further questions, the defendant denied that the deeper the well, the more the cost would be, and, furthermore, they did not know for certain at what depth they would find water. He had, however, instructed the plaintiff to sink a well to a depth of 20 feet, with a diameter of four feet. Defendant further agreed with Mr. Jenkin that the price would vary according to the size of the well and the material used. These details, he said, he had discussed with the plaintiff.

The case is proceeding.

LETTER GOLF.

From RUNS to RACE takes five strokes, but of course this might be beaten.

R	U	N	S
R	A	C	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

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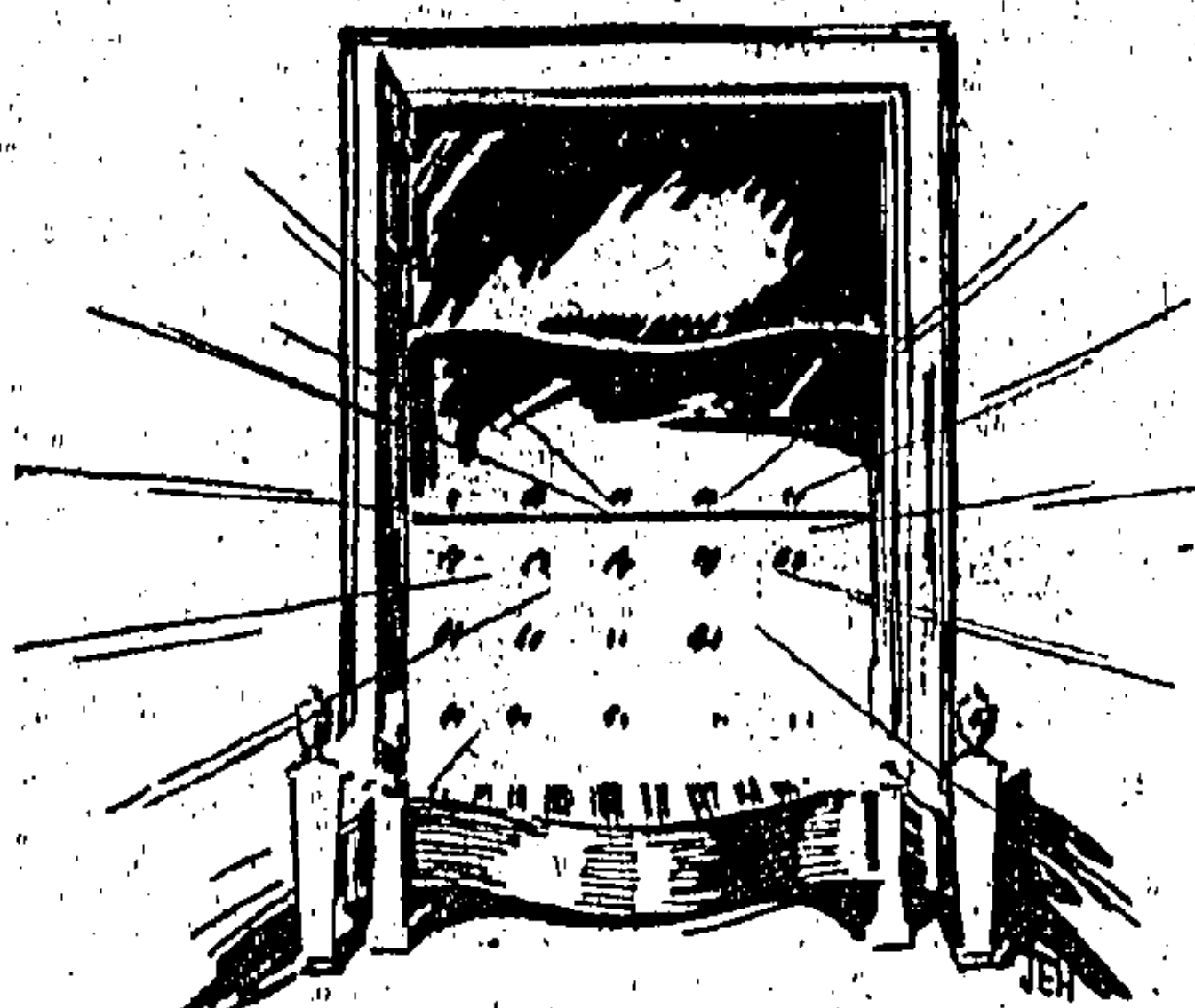
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UNIVERSITY DEGREE DAY.

(Continued from Page 9.)

If on the one hand you admit in humbleness of heart that few men can rival in genius the Father of Medicine, yet on the other hand you may justly strengthen yourselves by reflecting that in equipment and in store of acquired medical and general scientific knowledge you are immeasurably better endowed than was Hippocrates.

The Faculty of Arts.

The Faculty of Arts in this University at present includes the study of mathematics. This is as it should be, for in art alone is the human mind truly creative and in no realm of thought is this fact more apparent than in pure mathematics. Take, for example, arithmetic and geometry. The most abstract construction of which human thought is capable is the zero of arithmetic, self-identical, incapable of differentiation and its quantum insusceptible of increase or decrease, the very type and symbol of that existential identity which forms the substratum of thought. We construct the zero of arithmetic as having neither magnitude nor position.

Let us then restore position while still abstracting extensivity. Such a construction is the geometrical point or the unit of arithmetic. Neither can be found anywhere in *remota natura*; but, when symbolized, they form the starting points of the sciences of plane geometry and of pure number. Go further and restore extensivity as well as position. For example, take two geometrical points and connect them in the most direct manner possible. Such a construction we call a straight line.

The Geometrical Line.

But here again we may make various distinctions according to the nature of the extensivity we restore. Thus we may concern ourselves only with the length of the line neglecting entirely its breadth. Such a thought-construction is the geometrical line. Or again we may make a line of length and breadth without height. Such a construction we call a plane superficies and it is the abstraction on which plane geometry is based.

Finally we can construct extensivity of three dimensions and this is the fundamental construction of solid geometry, which no longer abstracts height from length and breadth. We see, then, that geometry constructs its definitions, axioms and postulates and that even in its most complicated theorems the progress is by construction.

Voyages of Exploration.

Three straight lines can enclose a space because we construct them to do so. But this is our own constructive act, for otherwise two of the three lines might be parallel, in which case another line crossing them would not enclose a space, or each of the lines might be in a different plane.

The figures in pure mathematics are such as thought makes them, and the elements of which they are constructed contain only the properties, with which thought has endowed them. It is for this reason, that the demonstrations of pure mathematics possess a certainty and universality such as no other sciences have achieved.

In other words pure mathematics is *par excellence* the science in which bricks are made without straw, or, to use a more appropriate metaphor, the science in which thought unaided by anything external to itself sets out on strange voyages of exploration through uncharted seas.

A Greek Science.

Mathematics has truly been called a Greek science and so far as pure geometry is concerned, the mathematician's technical equipment still is almost wholly Greek. The first great name is that of Thales of Miletus (about 624-547 B.C.), to whom are attributed the theorems that a circle is bisected by any diameter; that the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle are equal; that, if two straight lines cut one another, the vertically opposite angles are equal; that, if two triangles have two angles and one side respectively equal, the triangles are equal in all respects; and that the angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.

His greatest successor was Euclid of Alexandria, whose *Elements* in thirteen books, was still the work from which I was taught geometry as a school-boy. Euclid flourished about 300 B.C. and, as Proclus said of him, he "brought to irrefragable demonstration the things which were only somewhat loosely proved by his predecessors." His instrument was the creative human intellect, little if at all aided by any tools or appliances.

The Size of the Earth.

But consider now the case of Eratosthenes of Cyrene, who died in 195 B.C., and who set himself

the task of measuring the size of this earth upon which we live, only very partially explored at that date by the inhabitants of the Mediterranean and believed by most men to be flat. The only instrument used by Eratosthenes was a *gnomon*, that is a staff so erected that the position of its shadow indicated the hour of the day. He had ascertained that at Syene, the modern Assuan, on the day of the summer solstice at noon, a well was lit up through all its depth by the sun's rays, so that Syene lay on the tropic.

He knew that the distance between Syene and Alexandria was 5,000 stadia and he made the assumption that these two towns lay on the same meridian. Accordingly he set up a *gnomon* at Alexandria and observed that, on the day of the summer solstice at noon, the sun cast a shadow from the *gnomon* at an angle equivalent to one-fiftieth of a great circle. With these data he calculated the polar circumference of the earth to be 250,000 stadia, or about 29,000 miles.

His data were inaccurate, and therefore his result was not correct. Modern scientists have determined the earth's mean polar circumference to be 24,856 miles. But the method of Eratosthenes, depending in fact on the comparison of a line measured on the earth's surface with the corresponding arc of the heavens, is precisely that by which modern science with exact data has arrived at a correct measurement; and I commend the achievement of Eratosthenes to the mathematical undergraduates of the Arts Faculty as a remarkable illustration of what can be done in applied mathematics with the simplest appliances.

True Pioneers.

I need hardly dwell on the obvious fact that in other realms of art—poetry, prose, history, drama, painting, sculpture—the Greeks were true pioneers and that their wonderful achievements were the work of the creative human intellect with little or no help in the way of books, libraries, museums or other appliances, and with a legacy from the past that had often to be unlearned before any real progress was possible.

But in the science of engineering the case is different. I suppose the earliest efforts of human engineering were employed in improving the cave-dwellings of primitive man and in the manufacture of hunting implements. In both these respects the Greek contributions to mankind came comparatively late. Other races, Egyptian and Mesopotamian were the pioneers. The Greeks perfected.

Moreover, it is the voice of the engineer which is loudest in the outcry against being required to make bricks without straw, and not without reason, for materials are necessary to the engineer; without them he is severely handicapped and perhaps cannot work at all; while the invention of tools and appliances is one of the chief glories of the engineer.

Engineering History.

This Archimedes of Syracuse, a contemporary of Eratosthenes, to whom he dedicated his *Method*, is famous for inventing a tubular screw, still used in pumping water, and for combining pulleys so as to raise immense weights. Yet even among engineers the greatest are those who can transcend the limitations of their environment and who, even if they do not make bricks entirely without straw, nevertheless come pretty near to doing so.

A good example of what I mean are the wonderful irrigation-works constructed in Ceylon long before any knowledge of western engineering science came to that island.

In the latter half of the fifth century A.D. there reigned over Anuradhapura a famous king, Dhatusena, whose tragic story is one of the most moving episodes in the annals of Ceylon. His engineers with local labour and the most primitive appliance dammed back the waters of the Kale-oya and built the marvellous reservoirs, known as Kalawewa and Balaluwewa, which originally had an area (it is said) of 40 miles in circumference and extended as far as Dambulla. The total length of the combined dams of these two reservoirs is about six miles and they are in places as much as 60 feet high.

Enormous Labour.

Therefore, the labour involved in their construction must have been enormous, far exceeding anything accomplished in Hongkong, where we are so justly proud of our reservoirs. Much of the work has stood the test of time; and to-day, when the reservoir is full and one approaches it by road, there is a fine view from the foot of a little forest-covered hill over about eight square miles of water with distant mountains in the background.

Nor is this all. From a sluice in Kalawewa the engineers of

King Dhatusena, without theodolites or levels, and guided simply by the knowledge that water flows downhill, constructed a wonderful canal, called the Yodi-ola, winding in and out between mountains and extending for fifty miles to the town of Anuradhapura, which it supplies with water to this day.

It is a work to which any modern engineer might gladly point as his masterpiece; and it was achieved by human wit and patience, assisted only by the simplest and most primitive appliances.

Unfortunately we do not know the names of the men who designed and supervised the construction of this glorious work of fine intelligence. But what they did has insured to the benefit of generation upon generation of their fellow-countrymen and still stands as a monument to themselves and their King.

Lesson for Hongkong.

Members of the Congregation of the Hongkong University! Is there not a profound lesson for ourselves in all this? Are we not apt to exclaim that here in the Hongkong University we are called upon to make bricks without straw? Do we not say that our endowments are insufficient? That we would achieve much more, if only we had the money? That we are cramped for space in our buildings and restricted in our teaching by lack of equipment?

All this is true enough and sad enough. Our weapons may be blunt. But surely they will not become us to snap them and fling them from our hands. Rather must we stoop to build with worn-out tools the house not made with hands, that marvellous structure of human intelligence and human character which wrought with no other appliances than fortitude in adversity, patience in observation, perception in obscurity, daring in speculation, caution in reflection, truthfulness in all things and loving-kindness towards all men, is and will ever remain the noblest creation which this earth can show.

Work to Bring Succour.

Graduates and Undergraduates of the Hongkong University! Is there not a special lesson herein for you too? Men and women alike, you will most of you be called upon to do your life's work in China; and in these days there spreads a cloud of battle-dust over China, which is no dreamer's vision but a terrible reality from the sight of which we can nowhere escape.

It will not become you to hang craven-like along the battle-fringe or to creep away from the field of fight because your swords are not of keener edge. Here in this University by patient and faithful work you must fit yourselves in due time to bring succour to your fellow-countrymen and to save a great cause, the cause of civilization in China, by your heroism and, if it be required of you, by the sacrifice of your lives.

Never in its history did China have more bitter need that her sons and daughters should prove themselves to be unselfish, honest, well-taught, well-disciplined, courageous and truthful. Never had she greater need of that King's son who, though wounded, sore beset and weaponless will snatch up were it only a broken sword and lead men with it to salvation. May your country's dire distress be to you both a clarion-call and an inspiration! And may your training in this University fit you, one and all, to come to the rescue of a civilization, once the admiration of the world, but now falling in ruin before our eyes!

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CHAPTER XII.

Dash slept now in Beata's room on the rug in front of the fire. Beata loved to know that he was there when she woke up in the night, and the cheerful fire had fallen to blackness.

She had come awake in the dark. There was no moon and the window at her bed-foot was just a slightly lighter blackness. She could hear her mother's soft regular breathing in the adjoining room, and Dash on the hearthrug sighed a heavy sigh and turned over on his side.

The night was very quiet. There was a frost again, and the frogs did not croak when the water was half-frozen. While the ice lasted they would leave the pond and hop along all the little paths by the lakeside and the tracks the rabbits had made. Once, inadvertently, Beata had stepped on one, killing it; the memory of the soft, squishy thing under her foot, and the plop, had still power to make her feel rather sick, like the dairy-maid Mrs. de Burgh had talked about.

Suddenly, in the stillness of the night, there broke out a monotonous voice. It grumbled. Beata listened hard, sitting up in bed. At first she could not make out what it was. Then she thought she recognised it for Cronech's voice. It was a scolding voice although it was so monotonous.

It had not occurred to her to wonder where the servants slept. She had not explored the downstairs premises at all. Close to the water there was a line of half-moon shaped windows that opened inward just below the portion of the house which they occupied. That downstairs place would be dark and slimy; in such a place you might find rats hopping about, or rats, perhaps. The half-moons were so near the water that an enterprising rat might easily find his way in at a window left open. The Cronechs must sleep just below her bedroom, although she had never suspected it before. They had always been so quiet.

Dash growled. Cronech's voice was uplifted. There was a scream sharp sudden scream. Then silence.

Were they quarrelling? Another voice began, a woman's; she thought she recognised it for Mrs. Cronech's, although it was disguised by the sobbing that went with it.

Then there was a dull sound as though someone had fallen.

Beata sat up in bed. "Dash was wide awake now. She flashed the electric torch which she kept beside her bed, his way, and saw that he was listening, his head on one side, growling ever so slightly.

Her heart was in her mouth. Had Cronech been drinking, and had he struck his wife, and perhaps hurt her badly?

The mere thought made her feel rather sick. Then the sounds broke out again just below the floor, it seemed, a sound of someone sobbing and moaning. Oh, if the poor woman was hurt, and that brute had gone fast asleep! She was ready to believe anything of Cronech, for whom she had an instinctive dislike.

She must go and see. Beata's teeth chattered in her head. She was edgily unwilling to go down into these unknown depths. She had glanced one day through an open door at a steep stairs going down into blackness, just beyond the kitchen door. That must be the way. A cold and damp smell she remembered, as of rotting straw, had come up from it, into her face.

Now, again the moaning broke out almost as it seemed under her feet. Sitting hunched up in bed, her hair falling in two long plaits either side her face, she listened with dilated eyes. After all, what was there to fear, with Dash?

The moaning continued, as though someone were in pain. She said to herself that she must not be a coward. Probably, that brute Cronech had gone asleep leaving the poor woman where he had flung her. A heavy woman like Mrs. Cronech might have sustained serious injuries in a fall. She must not be a coward; she must not be. She ran over in her mind all the wonderful brave things she had heard of during the War. She had done that before when she felt disheartened. The blue eyes of Anthony Napier came to her in the darkness. They were keen as a sword and stern. She did not know why she should have been stern, but so he would have looked going into battle: she was sure of it. The eyes had had nothing but gentleness and something, almost worshipping when they looked at her.

She got out of bed and felt about for the matches. She remembered

Lady FitzUllick's story about the man who had felt for the matches in the dark in the ghostly house and had had them placed in his hand. She found the matches and lit her candle. She had a momentary temptation to call her mother to which she would not yield. No use frightening mumsie. She must be brave as all those young men in the War had been brave.

The kitchen was quite at the other end of the wing. That meant a long passage downstairs. She looked from side to side fearfully as she hurried along the corridor. Things she had not troubled about in the day—the bedroom off the drawing-room that no fire could ever warm, the shadowy shape behind her mother when she played at dusk—she had assured herself that it was an illusion of the firelight—the figure of a woman by the lakeside when there was moon and a mist—had power now to frighten her.

Her heart thumped in her ears as she hurried along, holding her candle high while the darkness huddled away before it, and hid itself behind clock-cases and down crooked passages.

She reached the door, she sought for, and peered fearfully through into the blackness. She had expected stairs. Instead she found something that looked like a ladder; no, not quite a ladder, a gangway rather, with intersecting crossbars. She went down fearfully, holding on to the rail at the side. At the bottom she found not a passage as she had expected, but a cellar. There must be another way downstairs which she had not discovered. She had come the wrong way.

She held the candle high at the foot of the gangway and looked above her. The place was a cellar, not a wine cellar, but perhaps a cellar for beer. Round the walls were huge barrels that reached almost to the ceiling.

The place had a cold, confined air. In the daytime it would be light by the one or two gratings high in the wall. There was a musty smell, a smell of rotten straw. There was straw under her feet, old rotten straw that oozed under the pressure of her light weight.

She looked back for Dash. He had not liked the inclined plane down which she perceived now the barrels must have been rolled. She remembered, now double doors facing the door into the cellar opening probably on the courtyard. When they drank beer in great quantities at the Moated Grange it must have come that way.

Dash had not followed her. He was standing at the head of the gangway, peering down upon her and whining. She suspected he could see but dimly, if at all. He was blinder than they had thought at first, or the blindness was increasing. They had been talking of getting him somewhere where his eyes could be examined, but Cronech had thrown cold water on the idea. He was quite certain that Sir Hilary would not wish the dog to be removed, nor meddled with.

As she turned back to encourage Dash he moved suddenly as though he thought she was coming up, pushing the door to its fullest extent. He barked joyously, flinging back his beautiful head as though to express his relief at her return from a place which he certainly objected to. He had been frightened of that strange descent into the dark. The door, released, swung to and clicked.

Stumbling in her haste, Beata went up the gangway. She was frightened without Dash. She felt as though something followed her. Oh, why had she not kept him with her? But the click could mean nothing. It was only the door shutting. She had but to open it from within.

But there was no handle. On her side of it the old lock was crusted over with rust and cobwebs. The lock yet worked, but there was no way of opening the door from within once it had closed.

In a brief space terror swept over her like a sea. How long was she going to be imprisoned in this place before she could make anyone hear?

She wondered what hour it might be: she had not looked at her watch when she awakened. She thought the chink of light through the grating was a little paler than it had been, but there was a winking moon. It had been in the sky yesterday morning at breakfast-time.

She did not want Cronech to let her out. Suddenly, for no reason at all, she was afraid of Cronech. It was as though she had always known that under his expressionless face and pale eyes there lurked a brute.

She shook the door wild-

RONALD COLMAN.

FINE PICTURE AT WORLD THEATRE.

The chief picture at all performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, "A Thief in Paradise," presents the hero of "Genu Gesto," Ronald Colman, in one of the roles that helped to make him famous. The story opens in the South Sea Islands, where two American derelicts are seen in almost their last extremity of poverty. One of these, Phillip Jardine, is killed by a shark just as a letter arrives for him from his wealthy father calling him back home. Jardine's widow then induces Maurice Blake, the other derelict, to impersonate the dead man, and the rest of the story has to do with the complications which arise when Blake is received into the Jardine home. There are thrilling and romantic developments, which, of course, end happily, but the suspense is maintained to the end. The picture is noteworthy for remarkably fine settings and powerful acting.

WORKING CONDITIONS IN INDIA.

SOCIALIST M.P.'S VISIT.

Penang, Jan. 2. Since his arrival in India he had seen sufficient to satisfy him that the workers' conditions were a menace to civilisation, stated Mr. A. A. Purcell, the Socialist M.P., on his arrival at Colombo from Madras, particularly as regards housing, lack of food and clothing. A militant movement was necessary to foster the spread of education, modern sanitation and up-to-date housing methods.

Mr. Purcell and Mr. Halsworth have been sent to India by the British Trades Union Congress to study and report on workers' conditions there.

Among the three works of imagination by women which have been selected by the Femina Vie Heureuse British Prize Committee to go to the French Committee in Paris is "Goodbye Stranger," by Stella Benson, who in private life is the wife of Mr. O'Gorman Anderson, of the Chinese Custom Service in Yunnanfu. She has worked on a ranch in Colorado, been "help" in a San Francisco boarding-house, teacher in an American University. She also taught school and contributed to local papers during a long residence in Hongkong; has shot tigers in India, and been under fire in the Chinese Civil War, while she was the first Englishwoman to penetrate into the Indo-Chinese province of Laos.

Dash broke out into barking. She had put the candle down behind her. With a sudden thought she glanced at it. There was not much of it. Supposing that was not daylight in the sky, but only the waning moon? It might come to it that the candle would go out leaving her in the darkness.

Her ear caught a sound. What was it? A plop! Something had plunged into the water of the moat outside and was swimming. A rat. She had an idea that the moat was infested by rats. Mrs. Cronech had said something about them sitting on the windowsill, hugging the bars, watching her while she washed up. Beata was frightened of rats—of rats and bats and black beetles and earwigs and frogs and toads.

Perhaps there was an exit from this place some other way. It occurred to her that she must be a storey lower than that on which the Cronechs slept. It was a steep descent into the cellar. She descended vaguely if in heavy rain the water in the moat ever spilt through those gratings. She remembered now where the gratings were, quite below the windows of the house and just above the level of the moat.

The little light of the candle hardly pierced the obscurity. The cellar seemed a large place. As far as she could see one great barrel followed the other.

Perhaps there might be some other way out, though she hardly hoped it. Glancing fearfully about her she went back and began to explore. The cellars were bigger than she had thought. There was a groined roof of arches over her head, wet and gleaming, as she lifted her candle and went on between the barrels, hoping and praying that there might be another way out.

Suddenly she pulled up short with a voiceless cry. There was something at her feet which she might have stumbled over. She had an odd memory of the long corridor of Glen Assarpe, and a sod of turf dropped by some careless housemaid on her way to make up the bedroom fires. Some childish memory, perhaps.

She held the candle to the thing and it stirred. It squeaked and ran. She had caught sight of bright eyes and a grey pointed snout—it was a rat.

Then terror seized her. The whole place seemed alive with rats. She began to scream and beat with her hands at the stone wall she had come up against.

(To be continued.)

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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MEDICAL RESEARCH.

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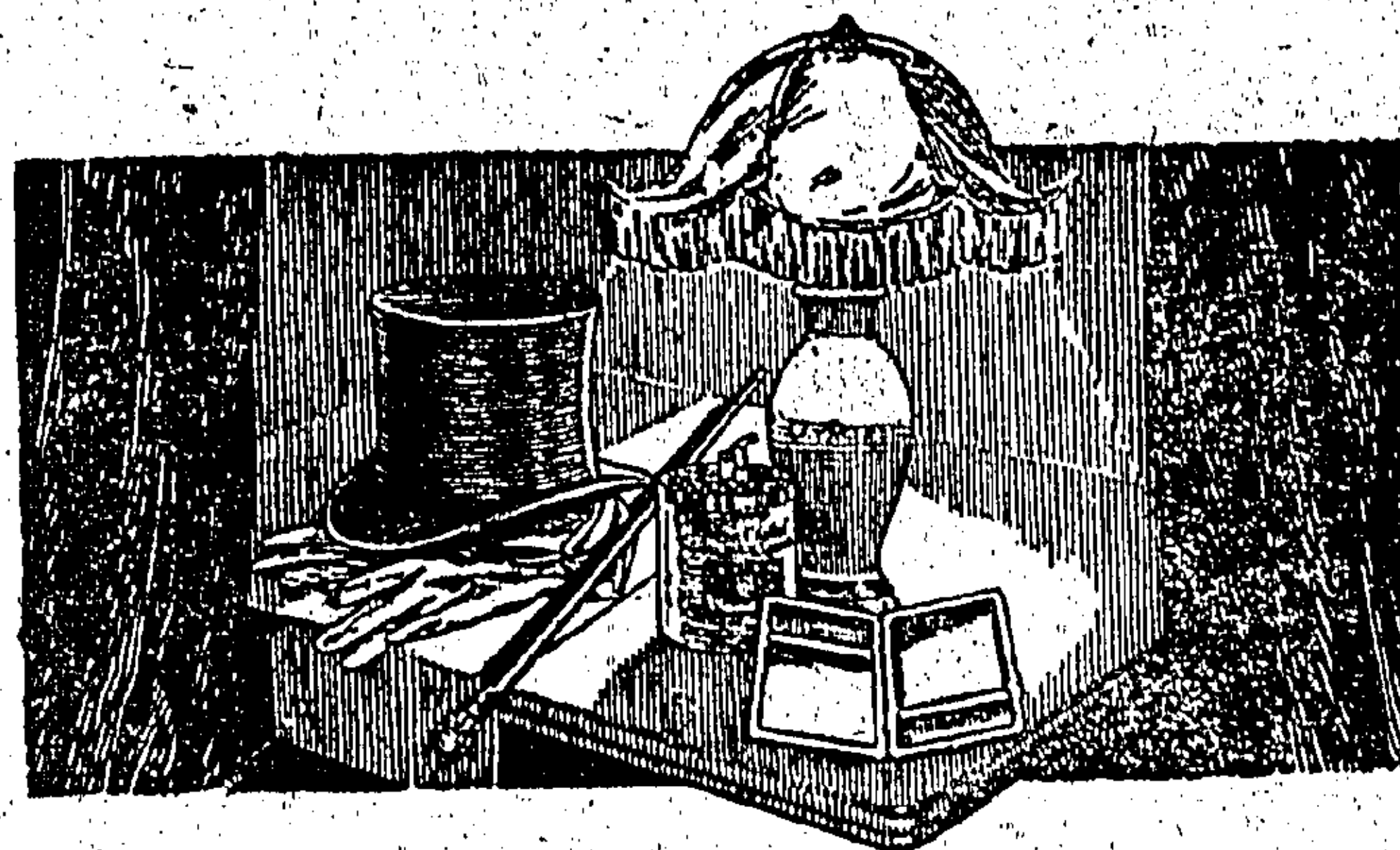
Calcutta, Jan. 2. Striking tributes were paid to the progress of the work of the Far Eastern Bureau of the League of Nations in Singapore at the annual meetings in Delhi.

The Council considered an important extension of its activities, including circulation of information on international medical research, particularly plague and cholera. The programme for international plague research was adopted.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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POST OFFICE CODE COMEDY.

OUR "WAR ULTIMATUMS" TO FRANCE.

London, Nov. 29.

Some astonishment has been caused in France by the arrival of letters from London franked in bold characters across their face with the grim challenge "War."

Since this ominous word appears as part of the official postmark it has given rise to natural curiosity and apprehension. It has also caused some speculation as to whether the Post Office could have fallen to a Bolshevik coup d'etat.

The *Morning Post* is able, however, to allay these fears. It has traced one of these letters to their common source, and found it to be the post office serving the peaceable neighbourhood of Wallworth, S.E. A stream of correspondence is daily going out thence, carrying its message of defiance to the ends of the earth.

The Explanation.

The explanation of this strange state of affairs is not that the people of Wallworth have developed any bellicose tendencies; they have become the victims of a scheme for the efficient administration of the postal services.

One of these letters from Wallworth, having the appearance of an ultimatum, was received by the *Morning Post* yesterday, together with an anxious note from a reader in the South of France. It had been despatched to him from the London Gardens Guild, a social welfare society, of which the Queen is Patron.

The postage stamp had been cancelled by a series of wavy lines stretching across the top of the envelope. In two breaks in the series of wavy lines the word "War" had been printed in large capital letters, within triangles about an inch in height.

Post Office Surprised.

When inquiries were first made at the General Post Office, no explanation could be offered, and the matter was regarded with amazement. But when later a representative of the *Morning Post* called at the Post Office with the letter, an official was able to give an account of the postmark.

"All circular correspondence accepted at 'printed matter rates' is franked with wavy lines and triangles interspersed," he said. "Within the triangle are set the code letters of the office at which they are accepted. The code letters of Wallworth-road Post Office happen to be War."

"It is certainly unfortunate that all circular letters going out from Wallworth should bear the word 'war' so prominently displayed on them, particularly if they are going to addresses abroad, but any alteration of the code might lead to complications in view of the fact that there are about 25,000 offices with different code symbols.

A Consultation.

"Before any alteration could be considered a consultation would be necessary between the postal, telegraph, and other departments, all of whom make use of it."

Mr. R. Sudell, the Hon. Secretary of the London Gardens

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

THE POWERFUL WORK OF GERMS.

NO LONGER A "THEORY."

About fifty years have passed since Pasteur, by his work on anthrax, first showed that germs actually cause disease.

In the intervening periods thousands of bacterial organisms have been discovered and hundreds have been identified definitely as having the ability to cause certain diseases of mankind. In 1880 the bacterium associated with typhoid fever was isolated; then in rapid order came the discovery of the germ causes of pneumonia, glanders, tuberculosis, cholera, tetanus or lockjaw, Malta fever, meningitis, Texas fever, dysentery, bubonic plague, botulism, syphilis, whooping cough, leprosy and many others.

Quite a Few in a Pound.

The first man actually to see bacteria, was probably the famous Dutchman who invented the microscope, Leeuwenhoek. The bacteria are small, and it has been estimated that it would take three hundred billions of bacilli of average size to weigh a pound.

Few people are willing to assign to organisms of such minute size the powerful actions that they actually have. They multiply rapidly under favourable conditions, one germ producing two new ones in about twenty minutes. If they reproduced, however, only at the rate of once in every hour, at the end of 24 hours, one germ would have given rise to sixteen and one-half million descendants.

The simplest methods of identification of germs are those that involve the examination of stained specimens under the microscope. The germs have characteristic appearances, and they tend to group themselves in various ways. Some form in bunches like grapes, others in long chains, still others two by two; some have a capsule about them, others a number of little tails to aid them in moving.

No Theory but Fact.

There are still people foolish enough to talk about the "germ theory." Germs are no more a theory than are plants, birds, and other living organisms that live and reproduce. The potency of germs to cause disease can be tested on animals. When injected into animals the germs produce changes which are specific for the germs concerned.

After all this is the acid test in connecting germs certainly, with the production of a disease. If it can produce the same condition in an animal like the money that it was associated with in a human, anybody with a reasoning mind will be willing to grant that it has the power to cause the disease concerned.

Guild, when shown the letters, said: "My Guild aims at promoting peaceful occupations—it is anything but a warlike organization. It is an absurd state of affairs, and I shall certainly write to the Postmaster-General to ask him to consider the possibility of some alteration."

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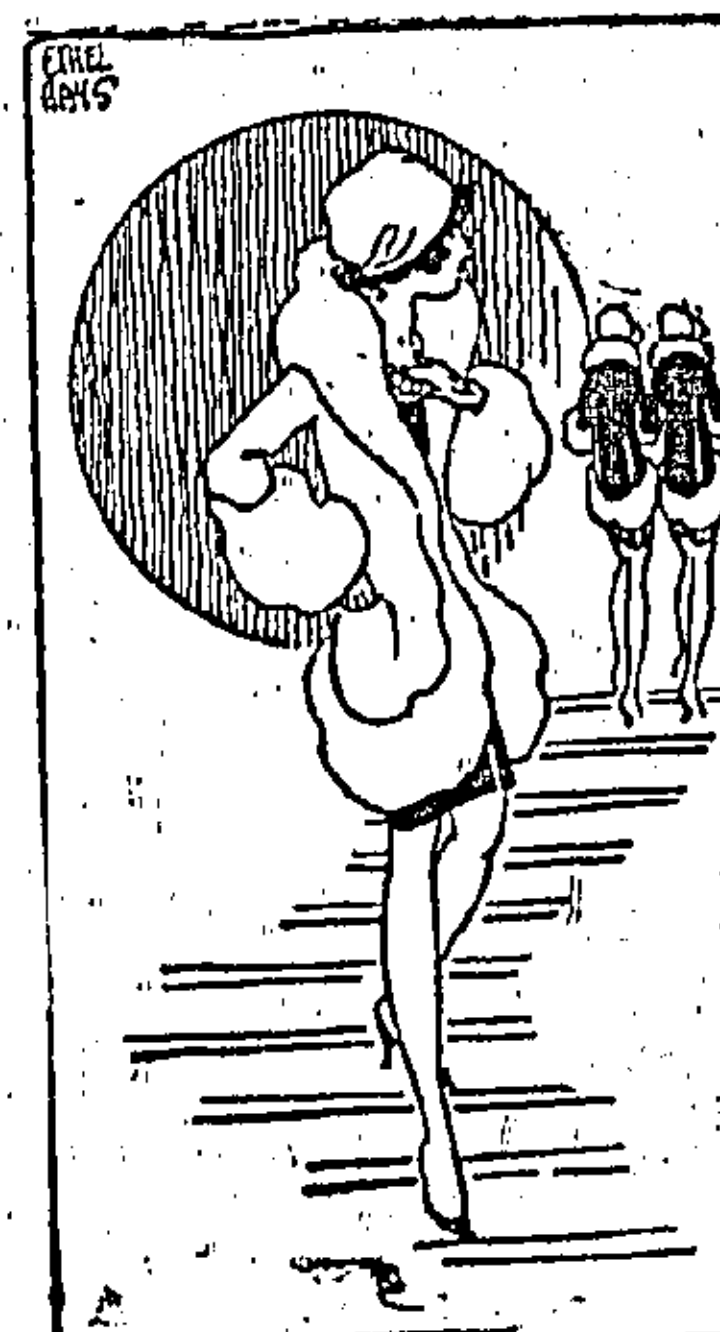
LUENDORFF'S BITTER CAMPAIGN.

ATTACKS ON RELIGION.

London Dec. 8. General Ludendorff and his wife, who recently left the Protestant Church, are now pursuing a bewildering racial and religious campaign, attacking Jews, Freemasons, Catholics and Protestants, says the Berlin correspondent of *The Times*.

Addressing the Pantheists League, Ludendorff declared that he had abandoned Protestantism owing to the clergy's intolerance, and also owing to the realisation that, when he was reading the Bible for the purpose of attacking the Freemasons' faith, he learned that it was not the faith, now governing his conscience. His decision was made easier when the Bavarian pastors had agreed to the Bavarian concordant, thereby delivering Bavarian culture to the Jesuits.

He added that the Jews, Jesuits, and Freemasons drove Germany to war, despite the attempt of his General Staff to maintain peace by the accumulation of armaments. He criticised Catholics, alleging that he sent Catholics to the most dangerous battlefields, and concluded by attacking President von Hindenburg.



Two cannot be loved as cheaply as one.

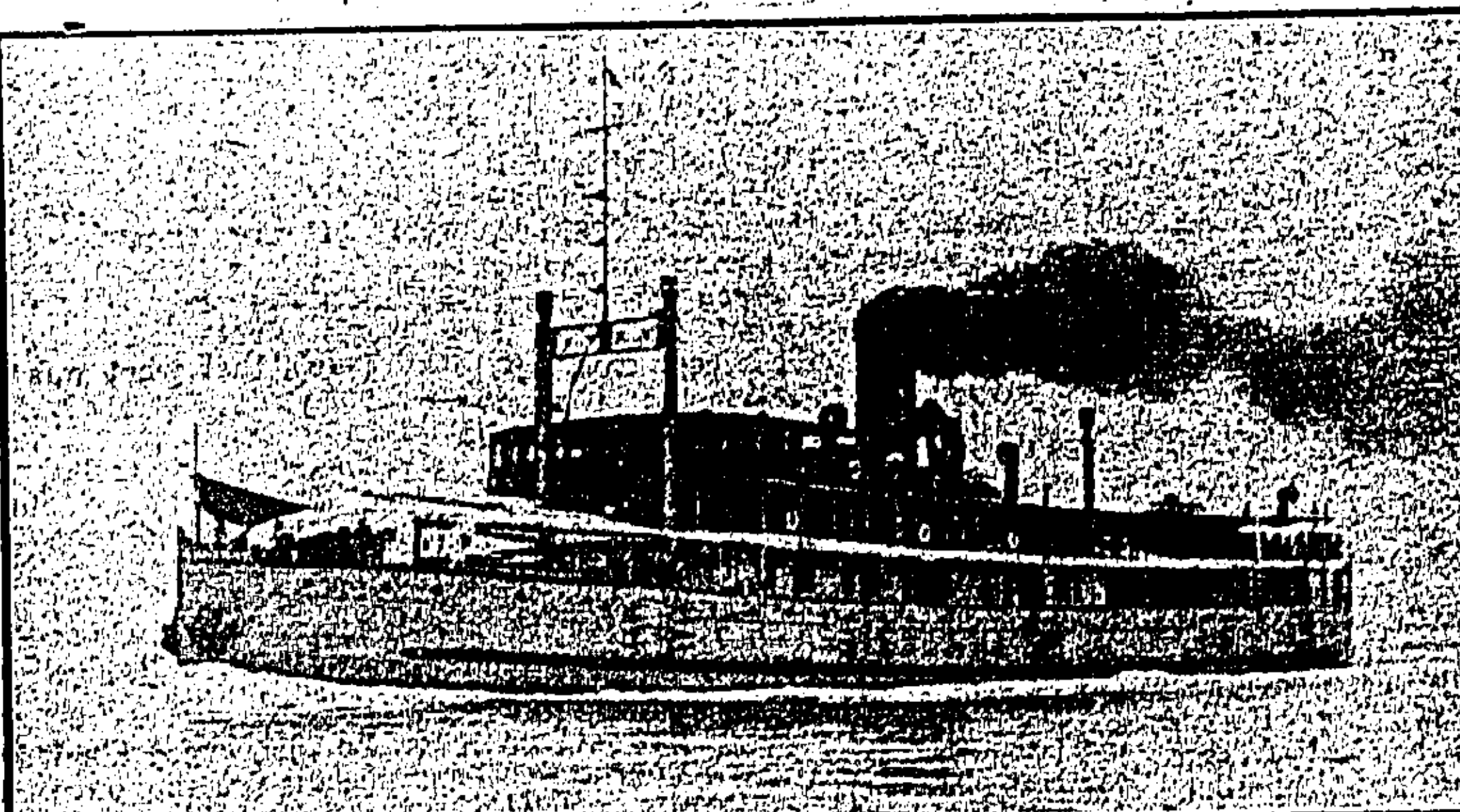
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KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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KEYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NAGAPORE	5,283	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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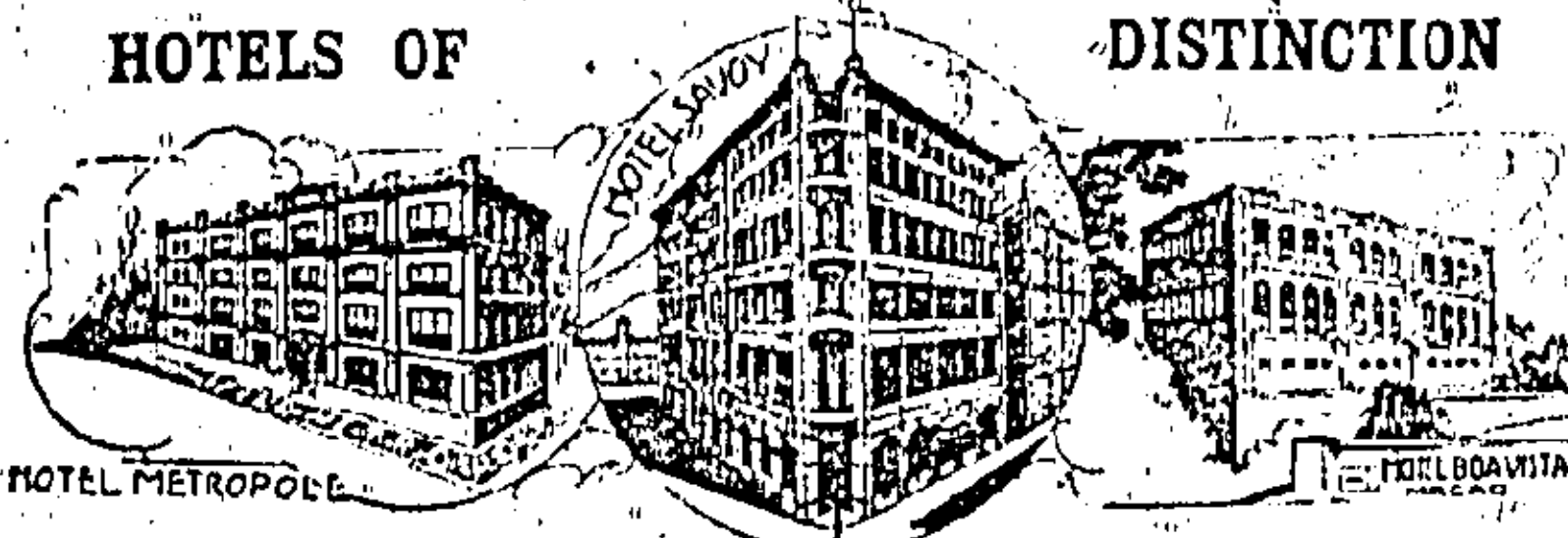
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BIAS BAY PIRATES.

LATEST QUESTIONS IN THE
COMMONS

Dec. 7.—Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty (Oswestry), informed Mr. Looker (Essex, S.E., U.) that the question of stationing a British ship at Bias Bay to check piracy had been considered, and this action had been taken on occasion, whenever thought desirable. The establishment of a permanent British patrol in Bias Bay was not thought to be a feasible solution of this problem. Mr. Looker asked whether it was proposed to take any naval steps or to make any naval dispositions in regard to Bias Bay in order to check the increase in piracy by the pirates who had a base in the immediate neighbourhood.

Mr. T. Williams (Don Valley, Lab.)—Will the right hon. gentleman undertake not to interfere with private enterprise? (Laughter.)

Mr. Bridgeman said he did not know that piracy was included in the phrase "private enterprise" (Laughter). With regard to Mr. Looker's supplementary question, the whole matter had been very carefully considered by the Commander-in-Chief on the spot, and he was taking what he thought to be the best method of dealing with the matter.

China and Special Treaties.

Mr. W. F. Mitchell (Saffron Walden, U.) asked whether any special treaties governing international relations were now being negotiated between the Chinese Government and any foreign Powers; and whether the British Government was aware of the nature of the proposals under consideration in view of the fact that these might be regarded as setting a precedent when our own treaties with China came to be remodelled.

Mr. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Wood Green).—The Peking authorities have raised the question of treaty revision with the Belgian, French, Japanese, and Spanish Governments, but, while negotiations have in some cases been initiated, I have no reason to believe that any substantial progress has yet been made. His Majesty's Government have general knowledge of the lines the negotiations are following, and the consideration added in the second part of the question is receiving careful attention.

MODERATES SOON
EXPECTED.

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form of Governmental Treasury Bonds. At first, this was objected to by some who pointed out that \$10,000,000 was borrowed by the Government only a few months ago, but this amount was believed to have been taken by the "Reds." If the "Reds" came back for a second time, then the Government would very likely have to borrow from the merchants again.

At this juncture, many proposals were made, but the Chairman intervened by saying that, the last time the Government borrowed \$10,000,000 from the merchants, the latter were already much disheartened. If the Government wanted to further borrow from the people, it should proceed by requesting the people in the various houses in Kwangtung to buy the Governmental Treasury Bonds and not to aim at the merchants only.

Three Decisions.

Following this, Mr. Shao Yuan-chung and Messrs. Chan Chat, Tang Yin-wah and Mr. Chiu-chun delivered speeches and eventually it was decided that three steps be taken to maintain the value of the notes:

- (1) To issue a loan of \$10,000,000.
- (2) As the security for this loan, the Government should assign the collection of a certain portion of the Government revenue to the creditors.
- (3) A Committee of 17 members to be elected, consisting of five Government delegates, five from the Chambers of Commerce and seven from the Various Trade Guilds.

RAIN. PREDICTED.

THIS MORNING'S WEATHER
REPORT.

Rain is predicted by the Royal Observatory in the weather report issued this morning. It states that the Japanese anti-cyclone has been replaced by a depression. The centre of the Chinese anti-cyclone is farther North this morning. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the South-east coast of China and over the North China sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—moderate North-easterly winds; generally overcast; some rain.

THE CANTON BANK-
NOTE CASE.

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cover it. At the most, the Court was only proceeding on what were merely copies of charges made outside of the Colony and which still awaited more justification than they might have had. On that, he would ask his Worship to grant bail.

Awaiting Information.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said he had never heard, in all his life, of such a procedure as was being proposed of withholding bail, having regard to the circumstances of the case. What Mr. King had been doing since the men's arrest, and was now still doing, was to hold the men while he got his information. There were certain movements going on, as they knew, and before long it might be that another regime altogether might come into existence. However, said Mr. Lo, he would not like to touch on political speculations.

Proceeding with the application for bail, Mr. Lo said the men were well-known and their movements would be watched. They could not return to Canton, nor go to Macao, which was within close proximity of the Chinese City. They could only go to Shanghai or Japan. He was confident that they would really turn up when the case again came up for hearing. They had already been in police custody since the 5th.

Pending developments, he (Mr. Lo) would ask his Worship to grant bail, which the Court could grant, sitting as it did between the executive and the lower regime. The accused were entitled to the protection of the common laws of the Colony as members of this lower regime, and should be granted this bail irrespective of Mr. King's information being correct or incorrect.

The Money.

Mr. Lindell:—Has this money been touched in any way?

Mr. King:—Your Worship, since I was last before you, I would add that, as to the possibility of these men leaving the Colony, there is nothing to hold them in the Colony with any money on bail which your Worship may advise. I would add that in the original warrant, there were three men mentioned, and these two were arrested in the evening between 5 and 7 o'clock. But the third man, whose name was mentioned, left the Colony, the same day at noon for Macao, to which Mr. Lo has just now said they dare not go. The police have made certain enquiries and we have ascertained definitely that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars was sent from Canton and deposited in a certain Bank in Hongkong. Part of that sum was transferred from that Bank to another Bank, with the request that it be remitted to Shanghai. One of the accused went to the second Bank with the man who made the request for it to be transferred to Shanghai. The second Bank refused to carry out the transaction. Those are the enquiries we have made and established since I appeared before your Worship last.

Thieves or Servants?

Mr. Lo:—As Mr. King has been able to tell that much, I would like Mr. King to tell us further whether the request by the accused for transferment of the money to Shanghai was of a personal nature, or whether it was a request by the accused for transferment of money from one regime to another in China. In other words, are they robbers or thieves, or are they really not acting as servants of the regime for the time being. Mr. King's information surely can tell us that much.

Mr. King applied for bail in the amount involved in the case.

Mr. Lo said the limit of exorbitance had been reached when bail was made in the sum of \$100,000, which was the amount of money in respect of which the accused were charged, but such as it stood, he would accept that bail with the satisfaction that at least justice was given.

Mr. Lindell:—I don't see why they should pay this money into Court as bail, Mr. King.

Million Stolen.

Mr. King:—There is another consideration. That is in addition to the charge actually before your Worship. Before this charge was alleged, I saw authentic official documents in Canton, speaking of a million which had been stolen. What the exact terms of the requisition from Canton will be, I don't know. Whether they will be charged with retaining a million, I don't know. I am quite satisfied that there is something more than the question of a hundred thousand dollars behind the actual negotia-

F.M.S. CUSTOMS FLEET.

ALLEGED OPERATION IN
DUTCH WATERS.

From Dutch sources we learn, says the Straits Echo (Penang), that the inquiry held at Kuala Lumpur concerning the allegation that the F.M.S. Customs Fleet had conducted operations in Dutch water has been concluded.

This inquiry was held in camera, at the Council Chamber, and was presided over by Sir Henry Gompertz, Chief Justice, F.M.S. A representative of the Dutch Government was present and the Legal Adviser, F.M.S., conducted the case for the Dutch Government at the inquiry.

The allegations, we hear from our Dutch source (continues our contemporary), were that certain vessels belonging to the F.M.S. Government had operated within the three-mile limit of the Sumatra coast, and that some members of the fleet had even landed on Dutch territory in the course of these operations.

The commanders of the vessels concerned were represented by Mr. F. B. Ivens, the well-known member of the F.M.S. Bar.

The Penang paper adds that it understands that the Chief Justice found that there had been irregularities.

POSSESSION OF A
REVOLVER.U. S. SHIP'S CARPENTER
CHARGED.

Robert Douglas Thompson (31), chief carpenter of the U.S. President Jefferson, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of being in unlawful possession of two revolvers and 186 rounds of ammunition on board the vessel yesterday.

The defendant admitted possession, remarking that the arms and ammunition were secured in his locker.

Inspector Aris (A. C. I., Kowloon) applied for a remand for the case to be heard by two Magistrates.

The defendant was accordingly remanded till next Tuesday morning.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Carrots: boots and shoes; salt; biscuits; shipbuilding; 2. India. 3. Richard I. during the building of his Norman fortress, Chateau Gaillard. 4. Edmund Spenser. 5. 1808. 6. Clouds keep the day cool, as they intercept the sun's rays; they make the night close, as they prevent the heat accumulated during the day from reaching a higher belt of the atmosphere. 7. Emily Bronte. 8. A sixth day or feast day, marked in the church calendar by red letters. 9. He was thrown from his horse while riding through the streets of Mexico, which he had ridden to the ground. 10. Mercury. 11. By Elizabeth Barrett Browning. 12. A dry, south wind from the Alps, which blows down the Swiss valleys and helps to ripen the grape harvest.

There were four foreign warships in harbour this morning, these being the American Pampana, Sacramento, and Chaumont and the Italian Sebastino Cuboto.

A statement from the Marconi Co. is expected shortly concerning the opening of a Beam Service with the Far East. The directors' report issued on Dec. 12, states that the total number of words carried over the four existing Beam Services during the week ended Dec. 3 was at the rate of 37,840,000 words a year.

tions which were taking place outside.

Mr. Lo said with regard to these statements by Mr. King, which were of an ex-parte character, he had not hitherto thought, it necessary to take instructions from his clients. But he knew this much, that what was over and above this \$100,000 had been paid into a famous Hongkong Bank, notwithstanding its so-called "Imperialistic" reputation. This money was not touched; it was not paid to the Canton regime nor to the regime to which the accused would have liked it to be paid.

Mr. Lo then urged his Worship to grant bail, pointing out that the Court and executive, by the granting of this privilege, at least would have the luxury of feeling that they had done justice to the accused.

Remarking that the case was fraught with difficulties for the police, his Worship said he proposed to grant bail, which he fixed at \$50,000 for each of the accused.

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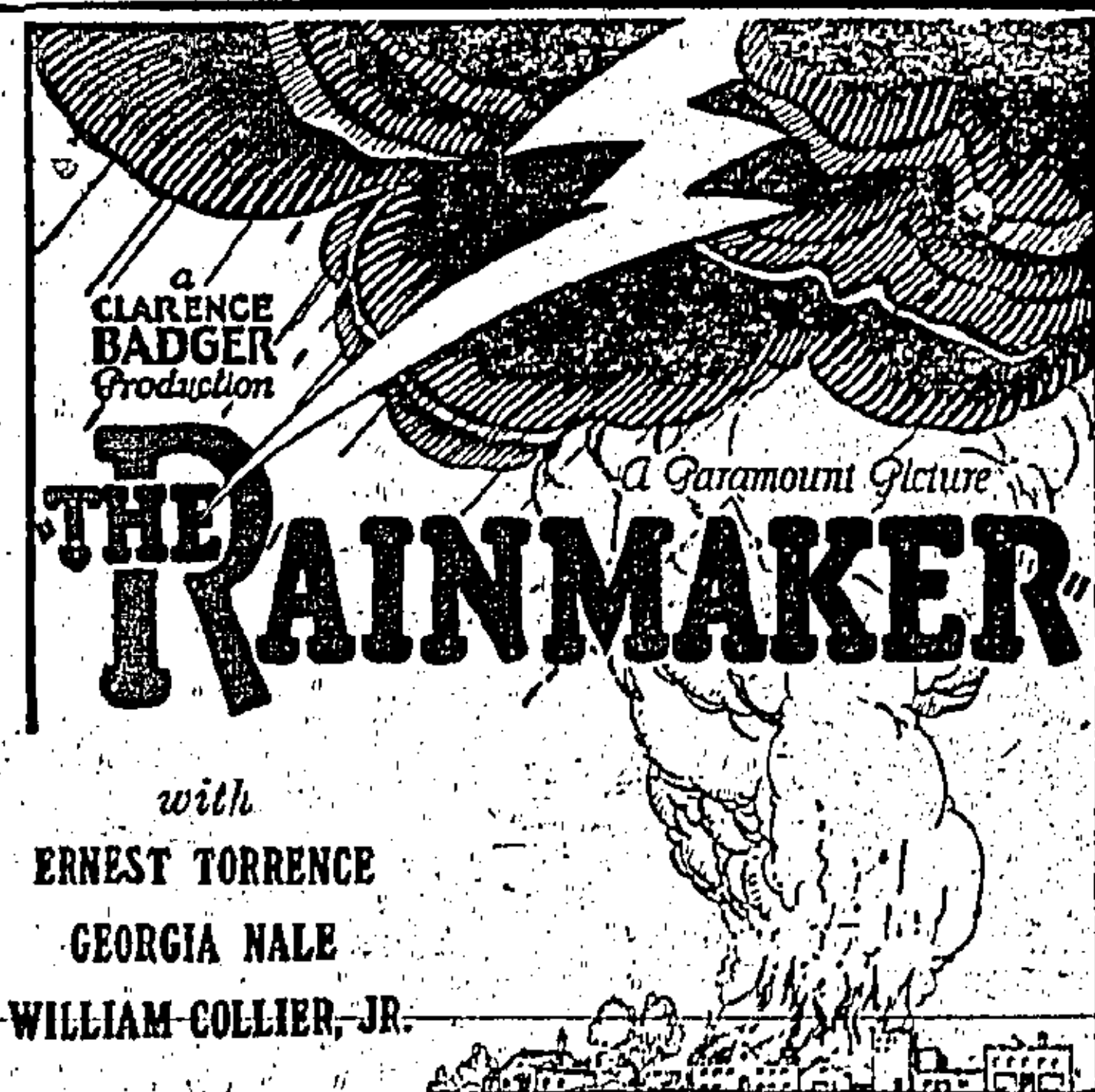
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It is advertised that Mr. Sverre Berg has resigned from Messrs. Thorsen & Co., Ltd., and that Mr. Bjorne Stendahl, and Mr. Proitz Kristofersen have been authorised to sign the firm "per procuracy."

It is notified that the Norwegian Consulate has removed its offices to the Bank of Canton Building, 6th floor.

Only one case of notifiable disease occurred in the Colony during the whole of last week, a case of typhoid (Chinese) being reported. There were however two deaths from influenza. Yesterday, a case of enteric (Chinese) was notified from Shaokwan, a British case of diphtheria, and a Chinese case of small-pox were reported.